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Synopsis

Within the Province of the Nine Skies, far above the heavens, there exists nine galaxies of astral rivers. Each of these astral rivers is made up of the combination of countless constellations interwoven together. These nine galaxies can also be collectively known as the Nine Layers of Heaven.

Legend has it that the strongest cultivators in the Province of the Nine Skies were beings that could open an astral gate every time they advanced into a new realm. Their talent in cultivation was such that they could even establish innate links with constellations that existed on a higher layer than the Nine Layers of Heaven, eventually transforming into the heaven-defying and earth-shattering powers known as the War Gods within the Nine Layers of Heaven.

Qin Wentian is the MC of this story. How can a guy, who has a broken set of meridians, successfully cultivate? There are countless Stellar Martial Cultivators, the same as there are countless constellations within the vast starry skies. Yet, what he wants to be, is the brightest constellation of all, the one which shines the most dazzlingly within the vast and starry skies.

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Chapter 1201: The Fall of the Dark (III)

"As we're all clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace, clan head, please go ahead. As long as it's for the benefit of Huaiyuan Palace, I believe all the elders could understand it no matter what the clan head says!" Elder Muray said in a muffled voice.

After Elder Muray finished his words, Zhang Tie and all the elders nodded.

"As we're in the Ancestral Shrine Palace, of course, we will center on the benefit of Huaiyuan Palace. We're all descendants of Huaiyuan Palace and Hua people of Taixia Country, we know what counts most, clan head!" Elder Muyuan said too.

When all the other elders expressed their stance, Zhang Taixuan nodded as he clapped twice.

As Zhang Taixuan's clap reverberated around the empty Ancestral Shrine Palace, two clan deacons walked out of a shadow and came to the side of the round table. One deacon lifted a tray which contained some files; the other deacon delivered the files to all the elders.

Zhang Tie got one too. With the strong spiritual energy, he could read this file as fast as taking a picture by camera. He could finish reading one page only by throwing a glimpse at it. Additionally, he could remember all the contents. The entire file was composed of 2 pages. Therefore, Zhang Tie finished reading them in the blink of an eye.

After skimming over the two pages, although Zhang Tie was always calm, he also became greatly shocked spiritually as he looked at Zhang Taixuan in an amazed manner.

Reflected by the flames in the Ancestral Shrine Palace of Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Taixuan looked calm and profound. Nobody knew what he was thinking about. Although the other

elders couldn't read as fast as Zhang Tie, they also finish reading the file rapidly. Zhang Tie noticed that Elder Muyu and Elder Muray couldn't help but quiver their hands after reading that thin file as if the two pages were pretty heavy.

After a few seconds, when all the clan elders skimmed over the file, they all looked at Zhang Taixuan with shocked looks.

"Clan head...how...how did you get this?" Elder Muyu asked in a bit quivering voice.

"After the riot broke out in Xuanyuan Hill on last November 15th, the Youzhou Provincial Governor's Mansion has received the notice from Northeast Military Region, which included the name-list of all the clans of Heavens Reaching Church who participated in building bloody seas. The Northeast Military Region request Youzhou Province to close down all the industries of these clans in Youzhou Province and arrest the chief personnel of these clans. After receiving that name-list, I handed it to Longwind Business Group and ordered Longwind Business Group to investigate all the businesses of these clans of Heavens Reaching Church and report it to me. After almost 2 months' efforts, Longwind Business Group finally figured out the businesses of these clans of Heavens Reaching Church and those business groups that were affiliated to them. Through screening and analysis, we got this first-hand intelligence!"

Zhang Taixuan glanced around the other elders in a solemn way while his clear and cold sound reverberated around the Ancestral Shrine Palace, "The business group of Wen Clan in Pingsha Valley was trading grains and grain seeds. However, 61 of the 78 clans being affiliated to Heavens Reaching Church across Taixia Country were trading grains and grain seeds too. Among the 61 clans, with the care and assistance of Han Zhengfang the finance minister, the business groups of Gao Clan of Time-honored Taste Palace in Liangzhou Province, Ke Clan of Pingshu Palace in Qingzhou Province and Zhang Clan of Huayun Palace in Ezhou Province

ranked top agricultural business groups in Taixia Country. Their grains, grain seeds and reclaimed farms covered Taixia Country. They even had a market in Youzhou Province. As for the other 58 clans, their business of grains and grain seeds at least had a greater market share in one province! So many clans of Heavens Reaching Church were involved in the business of grains and grain seeds, was that a coincidence?"

"Elders, you should know that the trade in grains and grain seeds is not monopolistic in Taixia Country. Everyone could be involved it; additionally, the profit is very low. Because of the low profit of the trade in grains and grain seeds, they had to reach a scale so as to make big profits. Therefore, our Longwind Business Group has not involved in this business. However, during the dozens of years when Han Zhengfang served as the finance minister of Taixia Country, these clans of Heavens Reaching Church positively involved in trading grain and grain seeds. Are they only making money? As the finance minister of Taixia Country, Han Zhengfang could have better channels to have these clans involved in; however, these clans preferred the most unprofitable industry. Why?"

The air in the Ancestral Shrine Palace was like freezing with a chill, which couldn't even be driven away by flames.

All the elders were silent, including Zhang Tie. Because they all thought about the same possibility.

Zhang Tie was shocked the most. He had just encountered Sun Jiagu in the daytime and was anxiety-ridden by his words. Zhang Tie had not imagined that the news brought by Zhang Taixuan was much severer than that mentioned by Sun Jiagu.

Agriculture was the root of stability, also the foundation for the development of Hua people. If Taixia Country didn't have grains or met a problem in grain supply, people would be starved to death; corps would not fight any more; cities would lose their vitality; the foundation of state political power and social stability would

collapse; as a result, various contradictions would break out severely. As Han Zhengfang had served as the finance minister of Taixia Country for so many years, plus so many clans of Heavens Reaching Church were involved in this business, the influence and scope were inestimable. As long as there was any problem in agriculture of Taixia Country, the foundation of Taixia country would rock in the holy war.

The severest crisis that Hua people experienced before the Catastrophe almost led to the extinction of Hua people. Because the traitors, bureaucratic groups and the Three-eye Association coordinated with each other to control the agricultural production and grain seeds provision of Hua people. With this extremely miserable lesson, all the Class-A cities in Taixia Country listed grain seeds as the most important items in the top 6 warehouses.

Nobody could imagine that the same scene might happen once again in Taixia Country after over 900 years...

Elder Muray started to pant while Elder Muyuan pinched the handrail of his chair into pieces.

Even Zhang Tie felt empty in mind for a short while after receiving such a news. After being vacant for a few seconds, Zhang Tie remembered a sentence—the firmest fortress would always be broken through from inside!

Zhang Tie closed his eyes painfully...

"Han Zhengfang the finance minister is the master of Heavens Reaching Church; Heavens Reaching Church colludes with demons. Additionally, the clans and forces of Heavens Reaching Church monopolized the agriculture and the provision of grain seeds. They definitely hid a malicious intent. Demons would never give up such a chance. Therefore, I have every reason to believe that Han Zhengfang's biggest purpose during his term of office was to rock and destroy the foundation of Taixia Country and Hua people by playing a trick in agriculture. The grains especially grain

seeds traded by these clans of Heavens Reaching Church might have been demonized. After combining with the growth state of the bloody figures in the bloody sea across the country, the result of demons' conspiracy in agriculture might break out in 2 years!"

"Han Zhengfang had served as the finance minister of Taixia Country for many years. The grains and grain seeds traded by the clans of Heavens Reaching Church have long spread over Taixia Country. After so many years, nobody could figure out how deep have the agriculture of Taixia Country been influenced by Three-eye Association. For the further development of Huaiyuan Palace, Huaiyuan Palace must make a timely response to it. That's why I summon all the elders here!" Zhang Taixuan glanced around once again before continuing, "Although I hope my guesses are all false, in the current situation, Huaiyuan Palace have to make preparation for the worst scenario so as to survive ourselves. Honorable elders, please speak your mind freely. We could draw upon all useful opinions and commonly tide over this catastrophe!"

All the elders became silent for a short while. Closely after that, they all moved their eyes onto Zhang Tie. As Zhang Tie would soon be the first grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace. Of course, he was invited to speak his mind firstly out of respect in accordance with the rule.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Zhang Tie slowly opened his eyes. He let out a sigh before saying in a muffled voice with a solemn look, "Clan head's guesses are all true. Don't have any fluke mind. The grain seeds traded by the business groups being affiliated to Heavens Reaching Church indeed have been demonized!"

Those elders exchanged a glance with each other. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie could confirm Zhang Taixuan's guesses the moment he opened his mouth. After hearing Zhang Taixuan's words, those elders indeed had a fluke mind.

Elder Muen broke the silence by asking a question that all the

elders at present were concerned about, "How could Elder Mushen be so sure about that?"

"I came to Embracing Tiger City a bit earlier today. After arriving here, I took a round in Embracing Tiger City. Coincidentally, I met a person..." Zhang Tie described how he met Sun Jiagu in a calm tone, "Even Cheng Clan had already used demonized medicinal materials to poison commoners across Taixia Country and stealthily destroy the recovering capability and the ability of producing low-level medicaments in a large scale in the holy war, not to mention the grain seeds traded by the other clans of Heavens Reaching Church. Taixia Country might have long been covered with poisonous grain seeds. This is definitely real! Elders could see it soon!"

Zhang Tie had recovered his composure from being shocked, sad, empty and confused. Therefore, his voice was filled with an unspoken calm and wisdom...

Chapter 1202: The Fall of the Dark (IV)

The coming crisis facing Taixia Country made the elders of Huaiyuan Palace in the Ancestral Shrine Palace suffocated.

At this moment, Zhang Tie sensed that he was trivial and helpless once again. He was not God. Therefore, he couldn't change what had happened. After recovering his composure completely, Zhang Tie found that he could only make his full efforts to adopt correct countermeasures.

He was a man, the father of 8 kids, the husband of 6 women, the pillar of Zhang Clan in Jinwu City, the founder of Iron-Dragon Sect and a human earth knight. He couldn't shirk off his heavy responsibilities. He didn't have time to feel sad and furious. If it were a battle, he had already been on the battlefield. Besides adopting correct countermeasures to survive himself and his fellows and kill enemies, he should not be influenced by any mood.

"It's already come to the fact that the grains and grain seeds that are circulated through Heavens Reaching Church have been demonized. We need to figure out what trick have Heavens Reaching Church and demons played on the demonized grains and grain seeds. Only in this way could Huaiyuan Palace adopt the correct countermeasures!" Zhang Tie glanced around before saying calmly, "As honorable elders and clan head are more experienced in this aspect, you should believe that it's true!"

Zhang Taixuan and all the other elders frowned silently.

After changing their faces, Elder Muyuan opened his mouth, "Given the history before the Catastrophe, would Heavens Reaching Church and demons continue to transfer some special pathogen in the grains and have grains carry the pathogen into the human body?"

"I don't think so!" Elder Muyu shook his head before continuing, "Demons and Three-eye Association have already played such a

trick before the Catastrophe. By transferring unidentified pathogen into the human body through demonized grains, they caused a great number of Hua people to lose their fertile ability and race reproduction ability. A large number of Hua fetuses were aborted due to death or malformation in their mothers' wombs. Taixia Country dared never forget such a miserable lesson until today. In order to prevent demons and Three-eye Association from adopting the same trick, since the founding of Taixia Country, a large-scale mechanism on the statistics, general survey and discovery about epidemics across Taixia Country have been established across Taixia Country. Even Youzhou Province has started to run this mechanism since the beginning. The medical care data about patients in public hospitals across Taixia Country would be collected in the provincial and prefectural medical affairs bureau in each season, which would be selected and analyzed by the large difference engine system. As long as the same, large-scale health problem appeared in different provinces, those provinces would report it to their superior agencies for further investigation!"

"As the most powerful human country, Taixia Country would never make the same mistake in this aspect. Han Zhengfang was also clear about the mechanism about health care and defense across Taixia Country; if the grains and grain seeds being circulated through Heavens Reaching Church were demonized, after a few years, those eaters would have had problems in their health for sure, which would have been discovered along with the real identities of Han Zhengfang and those clans of Heavens Reaching Church. They couldn't manage such an evil business for dozens of years without being discovered. Therefore, they definitely didn't transfer dangerous pathogen into grains."

After hearing Elder Muyu's words, everybody else at present nodded. Therefore, the first method that Heavens Reaching Church and demons adopted to demonize grains was vetoed.

The history might repeat itself; however, it would never repeat simply. This was the law of history.

"Now that they didn't transfer pathogen into grains, whether do Heavens Reaching Church and demons realize cross-species genetic control over Hua people indirectly by modifying the genes of those grains? The second method had also been used on Hua people by Three-eye Association and demons!" Elder Muan said.

After hearing Elder Muan's words, all the others at the round table started to consider about it seriously.

Before the Catastrophe, when demonized grains appeared in the public for the first time, they were always covered with the halos of high-tech biological technologies. In quite a long period, the mechanism of action of demonized grains and demonized traditional Chinese medicines and their dangers to the human body were the secrets of Three-eye Association and demons. In that age, the lackeys of Three-eye Association mostly liked to propagate that demonized grains and the toxin in demonized traditional Chinese medicines wouldn't pose any influence to human health. Additionally, there was no evidence that demonized grains could change human genetic functions. According to them, demonized grains were as same as normal grains. In that age, all the people who said that demonized grains would do harm to people's health were regarded as rumormongers, innocent and stumbling blocks on the way of human civilization.

In that age, it was Hua scientists who first discovered the secret that demonized plants could realize cross-species regulation of human genetic functions. In one word, the microRNA of plants could enter the blood, tissues and organs through daily food intake; the moment they entered the human body, they would affect the physiological functions of the human body through regulating the target genes in the human body.

The above sentence revealed the basis and principle that demonized grains influenced human body. Today, this sentence

evolved into a maxim about human and food, which was favored by all the pharmacists——people are not eating "food", but "message".

In the opinion of a traditional pharmacist who was obsessed with the conspiracy theory, if the history of people and country was divided by food, the catastrophe of demonized grains that Hua people experienced 1,000 years ago was just the second catastrophe that Hua people experienced on food problem. The first catastrophe of food that Hua people experienced before the Catastrophe started when Hua people turned pork into their main meats. Although Hua people had a long history in raising pork and eating pork, in quite a long period, Hua people's main meats were mutton and beef; instead of pork.

Because we were not eating "food" but "message", a clean and powerful nation should have a clean and powerful food source at first.

In a preliminary book "Food Message Theory" for herbal medicine apprentices, pork's harms were described as follows, "Pig eats everything and sleeps wherever it wants; it doesn't even look at the sky and move like a sick man; its nature is lascivious; its meat tastes cold; its image is extremely ugly. It's the worst animal in the world. If people ate pork, people would be affected by its nature.

There was one sentence in Huang Di's Canon of Medicine , "People who eat grains are wise; those who eat meat are despised".

There was another comment about pork made by an ancient famous Hua doctor in Compendium of Materia Medica—— If one always ate pork, one would have fewer sperms and a recurrence of an old disease...besides, one would feel pain, fatigued and breathless all over.

There was another classical quotation in the Quotations of Famous Doctors ——Porks could tighten one's blood vessels;

weaken one's tendons, bones and muscles. People couldn't always eat porks; especially those who suffer from knife wounds.

In the Patron Church that Zhang Tie believed in, clergies always stuck to such a doctrine and principle——Don't eat all the disgusting things!

The Patron Church believed that if people wanted to maintain a pure soul, sound consideration and nourished a zealous spirit and a clean and healthy body, they should pay special attention to the diet that they survived on. Food was different, good or not, clean or dirty, different food would pose different influences to the human body. Good food would do good to the human body; bad food would do harm to the human body. Therefore, people had to pay special attention to diet!

Many nations didn't eat pork; besides, they had a lot of requests for their daily staple!

It was definitely not a coincidence, but the wise words of forerunners.

Although pharmacists ate meats, they didn't eat pork. In Zhang Tie's family, since Zhang Yang became a pharmacist, the entire Zhang family had not eaten pork anymore. Additionally, pork was not the main meat for Hua people anymore in this age.

There were over 900 years from when Hua people started to eat pork on a large scale to when they were cheated to eat demonized grains before the Catastrophe. Coincidentally, pork and demonized grains posed the same influence to Hua people's health, namely, having fewer sperms, having a recurrence of an old disease, tightening one's blood vessels, weakening one's tendons, bones and muscles. Therefore, some far-sighted Hua people were curious about the reason. Perhaps, in the long river of history, before serving demonized food on the dining table of Hua people, demons and their lackeys among Hua people had played a trick on the food of Hua people and turned pork into their main meat. As a result,

Hua people gradually declined physically and spiritually and experienced large-scale catastrophes one after another.

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After hearing Elder Muan's words, the entire Ancestral Shrine Palace was in silence. All the elders at present were in meditation and memory, including Zhang Tie. Finally, Zhang Taixuan shook his head, "It's possible; but almost impossible. Being similar to the first method, if Heavens Reaching Church used such demonized grains and grain seeds, these demonized grains would definitely arouse large-scale health problems after circulating in Taixia Country for so long. Such health problems couldn't be buried at all; unless these demonized grains have a very small poisonous effect and just target at a minority of people. If so, it was unnecessary for Heavens Reaching Church to do that!"

"Then, there's only one possibility!" Elder Muen took in a deep breath.

Zhang Tie let out a sigh before saying, "It means that these demonized grains and grain seeds didn't take effect until 10 more generations later, even dozens of generations later. There's no dangerous pathogen or genetic modification that target at weakening human health; however, the normal growth and reproduction ability of these grains and grain seeds have been "castrated". Their genes have problems too. Although these grains and grain seeds look normal now, they would not bear any seeds one day. Each grain and grain seed managed by the clans of Heavens Reaching Church is a time bomb. Since they started to manage these grains and grain seeds, they had preset the precise time for the bombs. Given Taixia Country's population, as long as it runs out of grains, ordinary people would have no food. As a result, Taixia Country would be in a civil strife due to "hunger" before demons arrive. Because no subcontinents or continents could bear the great food consumption of Taixia Country.

Chapter 1203: The Counter-measures of Huaiyuan Palace

Through negotiation, the elders and clan head of Huaiyuan Palace figured out the plot that Heavens Reaching Church made in Taixia Country. Later on, they discussed the counter-measures.

Speaking of counter-measures, Huaiyuan Palace had to appreciate the Gobbling Party. When Huaiyuan Palace's main force transferred from Waii Subcontinent to Youzhou Province, Huaiyuan Palace behaved meticulously in case of being screwed by the powerful enemy of the Gobbling Party in Taixia Country. After Huaiyuan Palace transferred to Taixia Country, all the grain seeds that Huaiyuan Palace planted in the reclaimed land of Yanghe Prefecture came from Huaiyuan Palace's storage in Waii Subcontinent.

Therefore, Huaiyuan Palace must be not contaminated by the demonized grains.

Nobody could imagine that Huaiyuan Palace's meticulous deed at the beginning could become their asset to respond to the crisis facing Taixia Country as a whole. How life affairs changed!

"In the ancient book History of Wu State and Yue State in the Spring and Autumn and Warring States Period , on the 13th year since Goujian ascended to the throne of the Yue State, he cheated Wu State with the reason that Yue State suffered from a severe natural disaster and borrowed 1 million kg millets from Wu State. On the second year, Yue State's millets became ripe. Goujian then dispatched people to select fine millets, steam them and dry them before finally returning them to Wu State. At the sight of fine millets, the king of Wu State was very happy as he had people delivered the millets to his farmers; however, they got no millet that year, causing a famine across Wu State. When clan elders returned to Taixia Country, you all suggested carrying grain seeds

from Waii Subcontinent in case that Youzhou Province was controlled by others due to the problem of grain seeds. I've not imagined that such a trivial decision of elders could have such a great effect today and earn a bit hope for our Huaiyuan Palace in the chaotic world!" Zhang Taixuan let out a sigh with emotion. After that, he stood up and said, "At that time, Taixuan was fighting demons in the Earth-elements Realm. Thanks to your considerate arrangement, our clan was relatively safe, you're so intelligent and considerate, please accept my bow!"

"It's our responsibilities. As members of Huaiyuan Palace, of course, we should think for the sake of Huaiyuan Palace. Clan head, we dare not accept such a solemn rite!" As the other elders said in unison, they hurriedly spring up to bow deeply towards Zhang Taixuan. After being polite for a while, they all sat down once again.

"When the spring arrives, we need to reclaim more wasteland and sow more grain seeds in Yanghe Prefecture in case of danger. In the chaotic world, we would not feel flurried with grains in hand. As long as we have grains, our Huaiyuan Palace would not be afraid of the demons and Three-eye Association as we would be more confident to respond to crises! As for expanding people for reclaiming wasteland, I suggest Huaiyuan Palace to recruit or receive refugees from Chaosang Subcontinent or other subcontinents. It's time for us to put our accumulated fund in such places. As long as our capital and personnel were in place, we could reclaim over 700 million square meters' wasteland in 1 year." Elder Muen suggested.

"I agree with Elder Muen very much, but I'm afraid that we couldn't easily manage so many outsiders!" Elder Muyu added.

"The former Hurricane Corps have been disbanded after they arrived at Taixia Country; however, after being disbanded, the Hurricane Corps maintained their overall strength; they just turned into armed guards of business groups under the control of

Zhang Clan. It's easy to call them together. Nominally, they could be the guards of our business groups; actually, they could serve as a stationed military force. If Hurricane Corps is responsible for managing the reclamation of wasteland in semi-militarized means next year, it would be much faster!"

"I agree, it's a good method!"

"This plan counts most in our clan. We have to assign able men to manage well the stationed military force and the reclamation of wasteland! Additionally, they have to report the progress to clan head and all the elders of Huaiyuan Palace in each season."

"After the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out, the prices of grains across Taixia Country had been higher than it was last year. Now, Huaiyuan Palace should expand our granaries in all of our cities; additionally, we should speed up purchasing grains from other places. When in an emergency, people would even buy one steamed bun with one gold coin!"

"Elder Muyu is right. We'd better execute it as soon as possible. Longwind Business Group and all the other business groups of Huaiyuan Palace should take action as soon as possible. Now that we could figure out the problems, the other major clans in Taixia Country could figure them out too sooner or later. All the major clans in Taixia Country are collecting grains at relatively slower speeds. When everybody realized the importance of the issue and started to collect grains, the prices of grains in Taixia Country would at least rise by a few times than now. At this time, the private cities of Huaiyuan Palace should collect as many grains as possible!"

"I don't think that we should be busy building granaries outside cities. We'd better build new battle fortresses outside the cities in Yanghe Prefecture. Battle fortresses could be installed rapidly. On one hand, battle fortresses could assist cities to defend enemies and reassure the public; on the other hand, we could use these battle fortresses as temporary granaries and store a part of grains in the

battle fortresses. One stone for two birds!"

Only after more than half an hour, the elders had already worked out many suggestions and decisions through discussion.

Besides constantly expanding reclaimed land in Yanghe Prefecture, Huaiyuan Palace would constantly purchase land; receive refugees; expand army; regulate well grain seeds; increase the storage of grains; intensify the training of domestic troops; strengthen intelligence and information collection work tentatively and coordinate well with the other major clans in Youzhou Province in a few years.

The entire battle strength of the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace might not be greater than that of Zhang Tie's; however, all the other elders were as wily as Zhang Tie facing similar crises.

Zhang Tie just listened to the other elders' words silently, which benefited him a lot. If Huaiyuan Palace were 10 more times stronger, they would definitely have more means and different counter-measures. However, what these elders proposed had been the optimal plans.

"Elder Mushen, what's your opinion?" Zhang Taixuan moved his eyes onto Zhang Tie who was being silent while asking him politely.

"Clan head and all the other elders are experienced, mature, wise and considerate. you've considered all the situations. Therefore, I have nothing to say. It's Huaiyuan Palace's great honor to have a clan head and all the other elders!" Zhang Tie said modestly and politely.

After hearing Zhang Tie's praise, Zhang Taixuan revealed a smile; all the other elders also touched their beard in a pleasantly reserved way.

There was one sentence that the other elders didn't say. Actually, they all felt that it was Huaiyuan Palace's honor to have Zhang Tie

as their grand elder, who was not greedy about power and influence besides being modest and young. In other major clans of Taixia Country, there were always grand elders who misused their power and elbowed out their clan heads and the other elders only for power and profits. By contrast, Zhang Tie, who was young, polite, powerful with a lot of secret methods and could have the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion be docile to him while being not greedy for power was popular no matter where he was. Although these elders didn't disturb Zhang Tie in Jinwu City these days, they had heard that the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion directly called Zhang Tie's parents father and mother.

In the eyes of all the elders, the marriage between Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian was fixed. The moment Zhang Tie became the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, his position in Huaiyuan Palace would be more special and honorable.

If Zhang Tie said the same words before, the other elders would feel it was reasonable because Zhang Tie was indeed the youngest clan elder; however, after Zhang Tie promoted to the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace, his words satisfied those elders so much.

"Now that, the plans have been fixed!"

Zhang Taixuan made a decision while all the other elders nodded. After that, this Clan Elders Meeting came to an end officially.

"Elder Mushen, are you free to accompany me to visit Embracing Tiger Mountain?" Zhang Taixuan asked Zhang Tie.

After hearing that, all the others realized that Zhang Taixuan had something to talk with Zhang Tie. They then bade a farewell to Zhang Taixuan and Zhang Tie before leaving Ancestral Shrine Palace one after another.

"Glad to do that!" Zhang Tie replied.

After that, the two people walked out of the Ancestral Shrine Palace and went towards the top of the mountain along the stone

steps behind the Ancestral Shrine Palace.

In winter, the dark fell earlier. When Zhang Tie arrived at Embracing Tiger Mountain, it was not dark yet; however, after the conference, it had already become dark outside.

Under the green fluorite lamps, the stone steps looked hazy. Although there was no accumulated snow on the stone steps, there was some vapor. It took Zhang Tie and Zhang Taixuan a short while to come to the best pavilion near the top of the mountain from the back of the Ancestral Shrine Palace.

From here, they could see the brilliant and warm lamplight over Embracing Tiger City and the vast sea outside Tiger Embracing Harbor.

"I wonder whether Tiger Embracing City could still maintain such a scenery after this holy war!" Zhang Taixuan suddenly let out a sigh with emotion as he watched Embracing Tiger City at the foot of the mountain.

When Zhang Tie was guessing what Zhang Taixuan wanted to talk with him, Zhang Taixuan turned around after letting out a sigh with emotion as he asked Zhang Tie, "Elder Mushen, do you know the relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect?"

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Chapter 1204: Whose Choice?

'The relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect?'

After hearing Zhang Taixuan's question, Zhang Tie became stunned. To be honest, Zhang Tie really didn't know about that. He only knew that Huaiyuan Palace got along well with Taiyi Fantasy Sect. He discovered it when Lan Yunxi promoted to a knight in Taixia Fantasy Sect soon after she joined them. Besides her exceptional talent and efforts, Lan Yunxi could enjoy better cultivation resources than the other disciples in Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

"I really don't know about the relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Clan head, please go ahead!" Zhang Tie answered Zhang Taixuan frankly.

"The relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect could date back to Lord Huaiyuan. When Lord Huaiyuan was in Taixia Country, he had some bosom friends, one of whom came from Taiyi Fantasy Sect. This was the earlier relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect!"

"Ahh? Our forebear Lord Huaiyuan had a bosom friend in Taiyi Fantasy Sect?" Zhang Tie asked Zhang Taixuan while blinking his eyes.

"Yes, our forebear Lord Huaiyuan met that bosom friend of Taiyi Fantasy Sect when he had just promoted to a black iron knight and entered the Earth-elements Realm for practice. At that time, they were both black iron knights. Later on, Lord Huaiyuan joined God's Will Army, one of the top 4 armies of Taixia Country and finally promoted to West Expedition General. That bosom friend of Lord Huaiyuan also made a spurt of progress and became one of the top 4 elders in Taiyi Fantasy Sect today!"

It was really out of Zhang Tie's imagination that Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect could have such a relationship.

"Is that bosom friend of Lord Huaiyuan Feng Yexiao?"

"Not Feng Yexiao, but the only female elder of the top 4 elders of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, Zhu Qianqian!"

'I've not imagined that Lord Huaiyuan could have another female companion in Taiyi Fantasy Sect.' At this moment, Zhang Tie felt absurd as he didn't know whether he should cry or laugh.

Zhang Tie had already understood what Zhang Taixuan was going to talk to him. Therefore, before Zhang Taixuan mentioned it, Zhang Tie had shaken his head with a big smile as he said on his own initiative, "I know what you want to say, clan head. I will return that airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect. I don't feel pitiful at all. Clan head, you could have someone take away that airboat when you're free. It's just an airboat!"

Zhang Taixuan watched Zhang Tie carefully and found that Zhang Tie was not lying. Therefore, he let out a sigh with emotion, "It's good if you think so. As Taixia Country is in chaos, it's unworthy for Huaiyuan Palace to be on unfriendly terms with Taiyi Fantasy Sect only for an airboat. It's good for you to receive the airboat in the identity of Cui Li; however, after you recover your original identity, based on the relationship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect, it's a bit improper for you to win an airboat from Taiyi Fantasy Sect as an elder of Huaiyuan Palace!"

"I see!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Since I decided to expose my real identity to the public, I've been considering this problem. I'm okay. After all, Yunxi is still in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. If the relationship between Taiyi Fantasy Sect and I, an elder of Huaiyuan Palace, were worsened, Yunxi might hear some gossips in Taiyi Fantasy Sect. She might be screwed by someone!"

Zhang Tie was saying sincerely. Compared to Lan Yunxi, that airboat was nothing. Zhang Tie would never make Lan Yunxi embarrassed in Taiyi Fantasy Sect only for an airboat. The airboat

was nothing but a traffic tool. In Zhang Tie's eyes, even Lan Yunxi's one hair was more valuable than the icy airboat. When Zhang Tie spoke, he didn't notice Zhang Taixuan's expression. After saying that, he noticed that Zhang Taixuan looked a bit strange. Zhang Tie realized immediately that he had called Lan Yunxi in an intimate way just now. If not being in special terms with Lan Yunxi, how could Zhang Tie call her in such an intimate way?

"Erm...I've long known senior sister apprentice Lan in Hidden Dragon Island...later on...later on we were comrades-in-arms in Selnes Theater of Operations...erm...therefore, we're familiar with each other..." Zhang Tie rubbed his face with an embarrassed look as he explained which sounded like nonsense.

Nobody in Huaiyuan Palace knew the love affairs between Zhang Tie and Lan Yunxi. It was like "secret" romance. Facing Zhang Taixuan, Zhang Tie felt being caught by a young girl's father while falling in love with her.

Zhang Taixuan cleared his throat twice as he moved his eyes away from Zhang Tie's face towards Embracing Tiger City, "Animosity is more easily defused than being formed. The misunderstanding between Taiyi Fantasy Sect and you had better be defused. I will invite Taiyi Fantasy Sect's representatives to attend your Rotating Chakra Ceremony as a means of reconciliation. After that, they will drive away that airboat. If you need an airboat, just use mine!"

"As you wish, clan head!" Zhang Tie replied as he tried his best to recover his composure along with his red face, "Clan head, as the Youzhou provincial governor, of course, you need an airboat to keep up appearances; if I need an airboat, I could use the one in Jinwu Business Group. Never mind that, clan head!"

Zhang Yang and Bai Suxian both had an airboat. Even if he returned the airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect, it didn't pose any influence to Zhang Tie. It was just a lip service if he wanted to use

their airboats. Would Bai Suxian and Zhang Yang feel inconvenient about that? When he didn't have an airboat, Zhang Tie felt that airboat was a rarity; when he had one, he found that it was just so-so. If Zhang Tie wanted an airboat, it was no exaggeration to say that people would queue up to send him airboats in a few days. Therefore, he didn't treasure such an airboat at all. Additionally, his own flight ability and the flight ability of his pet Little Thunder were both greater than the airboat. He didn't even need one. The airboat was just used to keep up appearances as it was a bit more comfortable than an airship.

"As the finance minister of Taixia Country, Han Zhengfang had a supreme power. Nobody knew what other plots he had made and how many landmines he had buried in Taixia Country besides bloody sea and demonized grains. They might be gradually exposed. At this moment, it's not good for Huaiyuan Palace and Iron-Dragon Sect to be hostile against Taiyi Fantasy Sect!"

"I see, ahem..ahem...clan head, do you have anything else to talk about?" Zhang Tie felt increasingly embarrassed the longer he stayed beside Zhang Taixuan. He couldn't wait to leave.

"Nothing else. We are just having a free chat. Elder Mushen, do you have anything else?"

"I've promised my mom to have supper tonight!" Zhang Tie replied seriously.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Taixuan's eyebrows jumped up as he was almost choked. However, he still nodded as he said kindly, "If so, I will not waste your time, Elder Mushen...I hope Elder Mushen does not forget about the Rotating Chakra Ceremony!"

"It's good...erm...I will leave then...see you!" After saying that, Zhang Tie had disappeared before Zhang Taixuan replied. Closely after that, with some sparkles in the sky, he disappeared into the sky.

Zhang Taixuan looked at the direction where Zhang Tie was heading for as he unconsciously stroke that odd-looking colorful finger ring with a faintly bizarre look. At the same time, he murmured, "Yunxi...Yunxi..."

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Not until Zhang Tie flew hundreds of miles away from Embracing Tiger City and was blown by a strong night cold wind did he recover from that slightly embarrassed and flurried state when he discovered that he had deviated from the right direction a bit.

Zhang Tie shook his head as he revealed a bitter smile. When you did something stealthily, you would also feel guilty, whether old or young, strong or weak. When he realized that Zhang Taixuan might have guessed the love affairs between him and Lan Yunxi, Zhang Tie had become a bit flurried. Zhang Tie recalled that he really had not bullied Lan Yunxi besides failing to occupy the "shortcut leading to the soul" of Lan Yunxi. Zhang Tie believed that Lan Yunxi would not tell Zhang Taixuan about that experience. 'I really don't know why I am so flurried.'

After mocking himself for a while, Zhang Tie adjusted his direction and flew towards Jinwu City.

The intelligence that Zhang Tie received from Embracing Tiger City made him realize the possible dangerous situation facing Taixia Country in the future.

'If a famine and civil strife really break out in Taixia Country on a large scale, what should I do?'

Zhang Tie was thinking about it on the way towards Jinwu City.

The answer to this question made Zhang Tie understand one law once again, namely, he was not God even if he had Castle of Black Iron. In such a general trend which couldn't be resisted by individuals, he could only save as more people as possible.

If he had enough time, he could indeed do a lot of things with Castle of Black Iron. The problem was that Heavens Reaching Church and demons didn't spare too much time to Taixia Country at all. 'If I were Han Zhengfang, I would detonate the crisis of demonized grains in the last 1 or 2 years. When the crisis of demonized grains ferments, I would detonate the catastrophe of bloody figures. The two forces would definitely be terrifyingly destructive to Taixia Country. By then, Taixia Country might have long been chaotic. However, I disrupted the plan of Han Zhengfang and demons carelessly and had the catastrophe of bloody figures break out in advance.'

"Based on the land-building speed of Castle of Black Iron, when Taixia Country become completely chaotic as a whole, Castle Lord could teleport more people into Castle of Black Iron. Those entering Castle of Black Iron could at least not be starved to death. Additionally, many grains are stored in Castle of Black Iron. Castle Lord has the optimal mutated grain seeds in the world. The overall chaotic situation of Taixia Country might mean a chance for Castle Lord..."

Heller's voice sounded in Zhang Tie's mind sea which sounded a bit strange...

Zhang Tie shook his head as he told Heller, "Such a chance is too miserable for commoners. I don't want such a chance..."

"It's not you who chose this age, but this age had chosen you..."

Chapter 1205: Rotating Chakra Ceremony

On February 2nd, the dragon raised its head.

In February, the spring was approaching in Youzhou Province.

Since last night, the entire Embracing Tiger City had been boisterous. Embracing Tiger City had not been so boisterous since it was founded. The commoners in Embracing Tiger City had not seen so many airboats in the sky.

On the early morning of February 2nd, the clan warriors of Huaiyuan Palace had appeared in the streets of Embracing Tiger City in wholly new armors and helmets and festive red cloaks. The moment they appeared in the public, the entire Embracing Tiger City had been boisterous.

Before the day broke, many commoners had gathered at the foot of Tiger Embracing Mountain. They all looked up at the top of the mountain. Most of these commoners were members of Huaiyuan Palace, male or female, old or young. Many people especially arrived here from all the other places across Youzhou Province for attending the Rotating Chakra Ceremony. Given their identities, although they were forbidden to enter Tiger Embracing Mountain, they were still passionate and proud.

Huaiyuan Palace finally had another earth knight. This was the major event for each member of Huaiyuan Palace. The more knights a clan had, the more powerful it would be, the more glorious and decent would the descendants of this clan be and the greater the chances they would have for development.

The entire Huaiyuan Palace had not held Rotating Chakra Ceremony for an earth knight for many years.

Although Zhang Taixuan the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace promoted to an earth knight a few years ago, as he was already the Youzhou provincial governor at that time, his rotating chakra

ceremony was forbidden according to the regulation of Taixia Country's officialdom.

However, this time, the rotating chakra ceremony was held for Elder Mushen, the youngest elder in Huaiyuan Palace.

Elder Mushen's experience was legendary; especially after the tragedy in Fuhai City was redressed, Elder Mushen was well-known across Youzhou Province, even in Taixia Country.

Outsiders might not know who was the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace; however, they must have heard about Zhang Tie, Zhang Mushen.

Many commoners didn't know that Elder Mushen had returned to his clan until the last couple of days. A more shocking news was that Cui Li the Fire Dragon Hermit of Iron-Dragon Sect was an incarnation of Elder Mushen. What was more, Elder Mushen had awakened a unique immortal bloodline.

Elder Mushen, who had been screwed for 4 years, had returned to Huaiyuan Palace; additionally, he had promoted to an earth knight and awakened up a unique immortal bloodline. Even though the catastrophe of bloody figures was still like a raging fire across Taixia Country, the news about Zhang Tie still shocked the entire country. This was why Embracing Tiger City was so boisterous today too. All the major clans across Youzhou Province, the entire Northeast Military Region even the Military Province in the far had assigned representatives to attend the Rotating Chakra Ceremony in Tiger Embracing Mountain.

Besides those major clans, 4 of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country had assigned representatives here today, they were Taiyi Fantasy Sect, Gold and Power Law, Heavens Fortune Sect and Demons Killing Valley.

Even Lord Guangnan's Mansion in the southwest of Taixia Country had assigned a royal highness to attend the Rotating Chakra Ceremony.

What was more exaggerating was that even Supreme Court of Xuanyuan Hill and Northeast Military Region who didn't like to attend similar ceremonies had assigned important officials to attend it.

At this moment, the Tiger Embracing Mountain was covered with knights and VIPs. Major clans' representatives arrived one batch after another.

It was the most glorious moments in the history of Huaiyuan Palace, even when Lord Huaiyuan was alive. Such an occasion had been as grand as top major clans in Taixia Country.

At the foot of Tiger Embracing Mountain, those descendants of Huaiyuan Palace were so thrilled. Someone even dropped off tears. As a result, the prestige of Elder Mushen who brought all these to Huaiyuan Palace reached a new high among the disciples of Huaiyuan Palace.

Being similar to the situation at the foot of the mountain, the square outside the Ancestral Shrine Palace of Huaiyuan Palace in Tiger Embracing Mountain was also extremely boisterous.

This time, over 2,000 VIPs were at present.

All the influential clans in Youzhou Province had assigned their representatives here, including those clans which had attended the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie's disciples, Mountain Lifting Hermit, representatives of Zhao Clan and Yang Clan in Military Province, the couple of Lu Zhongming and their disciples, the representatives of the other major sects and Supreme Court of Taixia Country and the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, etc..

Zhang Tie's family members also appeared in the square outside the Ancestral Shrine Palace. As the family members of the main character of this Rotating Chakra Ceremony, of course, they could also attend this Rotating Chakra Ceremony and share Zhang Tie's glory. Zhang Tie's parents, elder sisters-in-law, Zhang Yang, his

nephews, Linda, Beverly, Fiona, Aimei and Aixue, Zhang Tie's kids, Zhang Tie's grandparents, Zhang Tie's uncles, aunts and cousins were present in a rich dress while sitting square and enjoying the gaze of thousands of people.

Linda, Beverly and Fiona were most attractive among Zhang Tie's wives. Many people in Youzhou Province and Northeast Military Region had heard that Zhang Tie had three foreign wives; however, very few people had met them. It was the first time for Linda, Beverly and Fiona to show up in the public. Among those people with black hair and eyes, of course, the three foreign women were eye-catching.

Linda, Beverly, Fiona, Aimei and Aixue had prepared almost one week for this day. At this moment, all the 5 women had dressed up well and were in the grandest ceremonial robes. Being brilliant, elegant and beautiful, they were all full of pride and arrogance while their kids were sitting in front of them.

"Ahh, do we look like the legendary duchesses?" Fiona whispered to Linda and Beverly.

Beverly and Linda revealed a faint smile towards her at the same time...

"If in Waii Subcontinent, even queens and princesses of ordinary countries might have to bow to us!" Beverly tilted her head as she whispered to Fiona, "We illustrate the line that Hua wives are precious because of their husband!"

"Those girls in Rose Association dare never imagine our current looks!" Fiona stealthily stuck her tongue out. When others paid attention to her, she hurriedly pretended to be elegant once again.

As Fiona and Beverly knew that there were many knights at present, they just whispered in the Hebrew language. After coming to Taixia Country, they found that Hua people wouldn't like to learn the Hebrew language except for some businessmen. Hua people were too arrogant. Zhang Tie was the only Hua knight who

could speak the Hebrew language in their memory. In that age, Hua language almost dominated the human language. Therefore, people could barely understand what they were talking about even if they eavesdropped their talk.

At this moment, Zhang Tie's glorious moments were Zhang Clan's glorious moments.

This scene was not strange for Zhang Tie's relatives on the side of his grandpa. However, it was the first time for his parents and wives to experience such an eye-catching grand occasion. When Zhang Tie held his first rotating chakra ceremony in Yiyang City, his family members had already arrived at Taixia Country. They were in Fuhai City, Yingzhou Province. Therefore, Zhang Tie's family members could only see the boisterous scene in the first rotating chakra ceremony through the photos left by the private photographers of Zhang Clan. However, all of them could experience such a grand and fervent clan rite at present this time.

As the ceremony had not come to a start yet, the auditorium of over 2,000 people was not quiet. Many guests were whispering to each other while stealthily glancing around the most glorious family at present.

Zhang Tie's dad looked a bit intense with a faint blush. Sitting in the first row with the old man, Zhang Ping's muscles all over tightened up as he smoothened his clothes corners every now and then. It was still a bit cold in February; however, Zhang Ping's forehead and temples had been covered with fine sweat beads only after he took a seat for a short while.

"Papa, it's okay. Just feel like home. It's Zhang Tie who will come out, not others. Don't be that nervous!" Zhang Yang slightly leaned forward as he comforted his dad in a low voice.

Zhang Ping turned around with a smile. Meanwhile, he moved his stiff neck and told Zhang Yang, "I don't know why. I always feel like living in a dream. It was fine at home; however, when I come

here, I always feel dizzy!"

"Zhang Tie is your son, no need to be that anxious. You have a good son. It's worthwhile for my life to witness my grandson holding 2 rotating chakra ceremonies..." The old man in the first row let out a sigh satisfactorily before continuing, "You might see such a rotating chakra ceremony for the 3rd or the 4th time in the future. They would grow increasingly grander. But I'm afraid that I cannot wait until Zhang Tie holds his 3rd rotating chakra ceremony. However, I would have no regret anymore after this ceremony, ahem...ahem..."

The old man couldn't stand coughing twice as he lowered his upper body at once. Zhang Tie's eldest uncle hurriedly patted the old man's back. However, the old man stopped him by raising his hand. Closely after that, the old man straightened up his body as he waved his hand to tell the surrounding family members that he was fine.

"Papa, don't say so. Zhang Yang has bought an isle in the south, which only has spring all around the year. The winter in Youzhou Province is a bit cold and does harm to old man's health. Later on, you can pass the winter in the south!" Zhang Ping hurriedly comforted the old man.

"I'm clear about my health..." The old man revealed a smile with a faint blush, which indicated that he was spirited. He then added, "Additionally, I always dreamed about Zhang Tie's grandma these days. Previously, when I dreamed about his grandma, I couldn't see her face clearly; these days, her look grew increasingly clearer..."

After hearing the old man's words, all the family members in front rows exchanged a glance with each other. Zhang Tie's eldest uncle then called lightly, "Papa..."

"Everyone will die, don't be afraid of that day. It's the universal law and the metabolism of our Zhang family..." The old man waved his hand in an imposing manner, stopping everyone's

further comfort. Although being poor in health, the old man's dignity in Zhang family was sacred. He said, "Alright, don't talk about that. It's Zhang family's festive day. I want to see my grandson's glorious moments in the public..."

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All the VIPs formed a small fan-shaped area around the venue. On the opposite of Zhang family's seats were sitting Bai Suxian and another man.

That man looked a bit elder than Bai Suxian. In a silk robe and jade belt and a crown embroidered with two dragons playing with a ball, he looked similar to Bai Suxian. However, his face was a bit broader. He looked a bit resolute, noble and dignified with two beautiful masculine black beards and a pair of dark, profound and sparkling pupils.

"4 of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country and 7 provincial governors' clans of Northeast Military Region are at present. Even Demons Killing Valley assigned people here. The elders of Qin Clan and Fan Clan in Yingzhou Province arrived here too. Young sister, you're really visionary. Zhang Tie is indeed unusual. No wonder he could be so famous across Taixia Country only after coming to Taixia Country for a few years!" The royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion glanced around Zhang Tie's wives and kids while talking to Bai Suxian in a secret way who was sitting on his side with a mature, fascinating smile, "What counts more, Zhang Tie's wives are all commoners. If you marry him, you might still have a right of speech in Zhang Tie's family. If so, dad will be reassured. I'm not here in vain..."

"Cut the crap. It's none of your business. Have you carried enough gifts?" Bai Suxian replied ferociously in a secret way while maintaining the demeanor of a princess with a smile.

"2,000 water-element crystals, 20 million gold coins, 2,000 pairs of jade ivories and earth-element rhino horns, 2,000 cases of gems,

5,000 kg starry violet gold, 200,000 kg top-class sandalwood, 2,000 cases of various top-class medicines and tribute tea in the south border, 80,000 m gold boa silk cloths, 2,000 domestic craftsmen who were trained as men of sacrifice and Heavenly Star City near the Heavenly Star Lake in the south border. The old guy dispatched 6 purple-cloud airboats to transport these gifts from the southern border. It seems that this old guy is satisfied with this son-in-law..."

"So few..." Bai Suxian pouted as she said discontentedly.

After hearing Bai Suxian's words, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion was choked by his saliva as he started to cough at once, arising the attention of those people on their sides.

Chapter 1206: A Shocking Phenomenon

When the others were paying attention to the boisterous scene on Tiger Embracing Mountain, Zhang Tie was silently watching something in his hand in his Elder's Pavilion on the top of the mountain behind the Ancestral Shrine Palace...

Zhang Tie was holding two extremely ordinary black mulberry seeds.

Black mulberry seeds were brought by the elder of Demons Killing Valley. The elder told Zhang Tie that Pandora was cultivating a secret method in a hidden place of Demons Killing Valley and couldn't leave for a period. After knowing that Zhang Tie's case had been redressed and Zhang Tie had returned to Youzhou Province, Pandora just told the elder to give the two mulberry seeds to Zhang Tie.

It was enough for Zhang Tie.

The black mulberry seeds were picked by Zhang Tie in the wild when he attended the survival training in Wildwolf Valley. He sent them to Pandora at that time. Now that Pandora had people brought back the two black mulberry seeds, it indicated that she was still missing Zhang Tie!

Watching the two black mulberry seeds, Zhang Tie felt like seeing Pandora's black pupils. Therefore, he was grief-stricken before the start of the ceremony.

It was hard to find beloved ones in the world.

The more successful and the higher position one was, the better he would understand what was most precious.

"Elder, the lucky moment is coming!" Deacon Yu's voice sounded behind Zhang Tie.

Everything in front of his eyes was like that when he held the first rotating chakra ceremony in Yiyang Mountain. Even Deacon

Yu whom Zhang Tie had not seen for a long time seemed to have not changed too much.

Previously, Deacon Yu looked after Zhang Tie in his elder's pavilion on the top of Bowang Peak of Yiyang Mountain. At this time, she was also following Zhang Tie's order in his elder's pavilion on the top of the Tiger Embracing Mountain. After Zhang Tie returned to his clan. His elder's pavilion in Tiger Embracing Mountain was matched with enough deacons at once. As Zhang Tie was more familiar with Deacon Yu, he let Deacon Yu manage the daily affairs in his elder's pavilion on Tiger Embracing Mountain.

Now, Zhang Tie's elder's pavilion in Tiger Embracing Mountain was different than the pavilions of the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace in the specification. The other elders' pavilion were three-storey; however, Zhang Tie's elder's pavilion was a higher five-storey building as he was the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace. After being selected as the steward of Zhang Tie's elder's pavilion, Deacon Yu had one more source of income and a higher position in the Zhang Clan.

These days, Deacon Yu became the most enviable person among the clan deacons and disciples. After being silent for a long time, this Deacon Yu's position also skyrocketed together with the return of Elder Mushen. The gate of the premier was opened by Class VII officials. All the other clan disciples and deacons were longing for serving the grand elder.

"Elder..." Deacon Yu moved one step forward and called lightly when she found Zhang Tie was absent-minded at the sight of the black mulberry seeds.

"Can we plant black mulberry seeds in Youzhou Province?" Zhang Tie turned around as he asked Deacon Yu which was out of her imagination. It seemed that Zhang Tie did not care about the coming ceremony at all. When the lucky moment was coming, he was talking about something irrelevant.

"Yes, we can!" Deacon Yu threw a glance at Zhang Tie's hands with her beautiful eyes before nodding.

"When the spring arrives, plant black mulberry seeds in a garden outside Jinwu Pavilion!" Zhang Tie said as he stood up and passed the two black mulberry seeds to Deacon Yu. "Use them. One year later, when the black mulberry grows mature and bears seeds, you could plant more!"

"Yes!" Deacon Yu received the two black mulberry seeds from Zhang Tie carefully.

Black mulberry was not a precious plant. Its leaf was not beautiful; its flower was average; therefore, major clans wouldn't plant black mulberry at all. Only rural farmers might plant some in their own courtyards or around their houses for watching head with the molar black mulberry seeds instead of appreciative purpose.

However, Zhang Tie liked black mulberry seeds. If Zhang Tie wanted to plant them, even if he ordered to replace all the trees over Tiger Embracing Mountain with black mulberry seeds, nobody in Huaiyuan Palace dared say no.

"Kuang...", a melodious and loud bell ring drifted from the bell tower on the highest place of Tiger Embracing Mountain. Along with this bell ring, all the other bells across Yanghe Prefecture rang at the same moment.

The moment the bell rang, no other sound across Tiger Embracing Mountain could be heard anymore.

The bell ring indicated that the lucky moment had arrived and the ceremony started officially.

"Let's go!" Zhang Tie waved his hand as he strode out of the gate of the elder's pavilion.

The general process of this ceremony was similar to that of his first rotating chakra ceremony. Besides being short of the link of

"Selecting Character by Rotating the Chakra", this ceremony was much grander than the first one in all aspects.

Zhang Tie was still wearing a violet gold crown which indicated a good luck in battle strength. However, compared to that in the first time, this violet-gold crown was greatly different in specification and pattern. When he was a black iron knight, his crown was 23 cm in height; when he promoted to an earth knight, his crown was 30 cm in height. Additionally, the number of bars on his crown also increased from 1 to 3. On both sides of the violet gold crown, there were totems of white tigers, which was an immortal beast in Hua people and symbolized the realm of earth knight. If Zhang Tie promoted to a shadow knight, the number of bars on his violet gold crown would increase from 3 to 5 while the totem on his crown would turn to the immortal beast Xuanwu.

Zhang Tie was wearing a special suit, which was called the seal of the earth. The entire ceremonial robe was made of golden boa silk, which symbolized the golden chakra of earth knight. The ceremonial robe was embroidered with various propitious patterns which carried special meanings. It took over 800 female weavers over 1 month to make this ceremonial robe according to the strict requests on a propitious robe.

The 4 m-longer cloak behind the ceremonial robe was dragged by Zhang Tie on the red carpet. As Zhang Tie walked forwards steadily, it rose and fell on the stone steps at the foot of the mountain.

Two rows of warriors were leading the way with ceremonial vessels in hands; additionally, 8 pairs of young male and female virgins were scattering items such as "perfume", "refined salt", "five cereals" and "sandalwood flowers" in front of Zhang Tie. Those boys and girls were at most 12 years old. They had rehearsed it many times for this ceremony. It was the beginning for them to have a bright future by showing up on such a grand occasion. Zhang Tie's eldest uncle asked Zhang Yang to have Zhang Tie spare

2 places for his grandson and granddaughter. All the other boys and girls came from the other cities across Huaiyuan Palace.

Zhang Tie was followed by two rows of deacons of Huaiyuan Palace.

This time, Deacon Yu had tasted the fruit for serving Zhang Tie through selecting 2 people from the 6 female and male virgins provided by Huaiyuan Palace. Many people who had relationship and ability in Huaiyuan Palace had made their full efforts to have their juniors join the team for purifying the road for Zhang Tie. By doing that, their juniors could show up in the public and see the world; what counted most, they could strike up an acquaintance with Zhang Tie. In the future, if those kids had good prospects, when they met Zhang Tie and reminded Zhang Tie that they were those kids who purified the road for him when he held his rotating charka ceremony, they might be favored by Zhang Tie and lead a much brighter future. If so, their positions at home even family and clan would be utterly different from then on.

Everybody knew that Zhang Tie would be the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace after this ceremony; additionally, Zhang Tie was the founder of Iron-Dragon Sect, whose battle strength and secret methods both ranked first in Youzhou Province. Zhang Tie had a definitely bright future!

These days, all the people in Huaiyuan Palace firmly believed that Elder Mushen could hold his 3rd rotating chakra ceremony in his life and he would become the first clan elder in the history of Huaiyuan Palace who could promote to a shadow knight. Even Lord Huaiyuan had not made that.

Although Zhang Tie felt a bit melancholy due to the affair of Pandora, he had almost recovered his composure.

When the bell rang for the 9th time, Zhang Tie recovered a bit resolute look. After that, he released a powerful battle qi tornado which appeared above Tiger Embracing Mountain like a huge,

fiery, boundless tornado. Even though it was in the daytime, the clouds above the entire Tiger Embracing Mountain had been dyed into fiery. As a result, the clouds looked like burning. The surroundings of the Tiger Embracing Mountain changed color at once.

The moment Zhang Tie's battle qi tornado rushed into the sky, the audience in the Ancestral Shrine Palace had been in a turmoil. Many knights changed their faces at once. Even those elders of Huaiyuan Palace at present were raising their eyebrows with amazed looks.

This battle qi tornado was really powerful. Given it, Zhang Tie must have promoted to an earth knight for a long time.

The moment the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion recovered his composure from his shock caused by Bai Suxian's words "So few...", he had shot out shrewd eye light at the sight of the battle qi tornado which shot into the sky from the top of the mountain.

"Fire Dragon Sutra", this is the battle qi tornado of "Fire Dragon Sutra..." Someone in the auditorium couldn't help but exclaim.

As if it was to verify these exclamations, a huge fire dragon rose up in the battle qi tornado and started to wheel in the sky.

After a short while, the ferocious fire dragon and battle qi tornado hovering in the sky disappeared at once. When the audience was recalling the shocking scene, a few minutes later, another battle qi tornado rose up. This time, the battle qi tornado was resplendent and colorful with the same amazing qi field. Right in the colorful battle qi tornado, the bizarre landscape of the entire Tiger Embracing Mountain gradually unfolded like a mirage...

"Is this...'Five-elements Ground-looking Sutra'? No way..." a guest shouted unbelievably, "Doesn't Elder Mushen alone promote to an earth knight? Why are there two kinds of battle qi tornadoes? How could one person cultivate 2 classics at the same

time?"

The entire Ancestral Shrine Palace became quiet at once. The royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and the representatives of the 4 top sects of Taixia Country, including those of Taiyi Fantasy Sect were shocked; some of them became restless...

Before Zhang Tie arrived, he had shocked everyone at present...

Chapter 1207: Different Thoughts

In the rhythm of 45 bell rings, Zhang Tie appeared in the spot of the Ancestral Shrine Palace.

All the guests in the auditorium unconsciously turned around to see Zhang Tie slowly walking towards them in a casual and confident way like the moon being surrounded by a myriad of stars.

Many guests had seen Zhang Tie before. Therefore, when they saw Zhang Tie once again, they were not shocked too much. However, at Zhang Tie's look which was as young as that of a teenager, all those who had not seen Zhang Tie before widely opened their mouths.

'He's too young. What an excessively young earth knight!' Zhang Tie had just celebrated his 30th birthday last year. After one more month, he would be 31 years old. A 30-year old earth knight was definitely rarely seen among the top 7 sects of Taixia Country, not to mention that Zhang Tie's look was much younger than his actual age. Given his look, he was just a teenager, who didn't look like a clan elder at all.

Being shocked by Zhang Tie's excessively young look, many people even forgot about the shocks caused by the two battle qi tornadoes just now.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Bai Suxian's eyes gleamed. By contrast, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion revealed an unbelievable look as if he had seen a ghost.

"Young sister, after this rite, please help me ask Zhang Tie how he maintains his young look. As long as he tells me how to be that young in the next decades, when you marry him, I will gift another two cities to you as your dowry!" The royal highness told Bai Suxian in a secret way.

Bai Suxian rolled her eyes to her elder brother as she said in a secret way, "He's innate!"

"Innate?"

"Yup, he told me that he had been struck by a lightning bolt when in Waii Subcontinent. His body has experienced some exotic changes; therefore, he could always be so young..."

After hearing Bai Suxian's explanation, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion became speechless. Whatever, he couldn't try the effect of being struck by a lightning bolt. Although being an earth knight, he couldn't guarantee that he was fine after being struck by a lightning bolt. Lightning bolts had different power, ordinary lightning bolts might not be fatal to commoners; most of the lightning bolts would not do harm to an earth knight; except for some lightning bolts, which were really ground-shaking. There was such a terrifying forbidden air zone in the south border of Taixia Country. Even shadow knights would become ashes and smoke in that air zone. After abandoning the thought of being struck by lightning bolts, the royal highness could only watch Zhang Tie slowly walking towards them with a bizarre yet slightly admiring and regretful look.

Zhang Tie walked calmly under the gaze of thousands of people. He was familiar with many people in the auditorium. He had even seen many people for more than once; especially the representatives of the local major clans in Youzhou Province. At the sight of Zhang Tie here, those who had attended the competition for the position of provincial governor of Youzhou Province and the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect looked splendid.

With a smile, Zhang Tie showed his respect to those familiar ones in the auditorium by lowering his head slightly.

Zhang Tie saw Gu Qingyun in the seats of Gu Clan once again. This Gu knight who was known as former top cultivation talent in

Youzhou Province was also watching Zhang Tie with a bizarre look. After looking straight into each other's eyes, Zhang Tie kept his look unchanged; however, Gu Qingyun lowered his eye light as he lacked in self-confidence as he looked a bit frustrated. When in White Tiger Platform, Gu Qingyun was qualified to fight Zhang Tie; after all, they were both black iron knights at that time; however, only after 5 years, they had been utterly different in position, power and reputation. Who dared say that they were cultivation talents in front of Zhang Tie?

Gu Qingyun returned to Youzhou Province on January 30th as if he was especially here to attend Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony. Zhang Tie received this news from Huaiyuan Palace. At the sight of Gu Qingyun, Zhang Tie guessed that Gu Qingyun might be here on behalf of Heavens Holding Pavilion. 'As I have no relationship with Heavens Holding Pavilion, if the knights and elders of Heavens Holding Pavilion suddenly came here, they would respect me too much. I'm afraid that Heavens Holding Pavilion is paying special attention to me; especially this time. Besides such a great influence, there are also various gossips about me. Therefore, Heavens Holding Pavilion assigns Gu Qingyun here to confirm some news; coincidentally, he's going back home.'

Zhang Tie silently felt a bizarre sense of achievement when he saw his former opponents being stepped onto his foot on such a grand occasion.

People were growing powerful by stepping on the shoulders and heads of these people who were once arrogant in front of them. Finally, these people who were once arrogant in front of them could never catch up with them anymore.

After feeling a bizarre eye light thrown into his face, Zhang Tie turned around as he noticed that Guo Hongyi was looking at him by a complex eye light.

At this moment, Guo Hongyi was in a red brilliant longuette which made her beautiful and hot figure prominent. Additionally,

she had dressed up well with especially delicate makeup. The hot figure and brilliant look matched her hot temperament pretty well, making her very charming; even some young men from major clans of Yanzhou Province and Tongzhou Province were throwing a glimpse at her.

Guo Hongyi's eye light made Zhang Tie's heart pound.

When he remembered that Guo Clan ruined the Morality Association across Threespring Prefecture and listed Huaiyuan Palace's all-purpose medicaments into the storage of some cities in Threespring Prefecture, Zhang Tie's heart raced as he told Guo Hongyi in a secret way.

"Elder sister Guo is becoming more and more beautiful. I didn't mean to cheat you when I met elder sister Guo in Xuantian City in the identity of Cui Li. I couldn't help but do that. Please don't blame me, elders sister Guo!"

Zhang Tie's mouth remained still; however, he had passed his words into Guo Hongyi's ears through his battle qi.

It was out of Guo Hongyi's imagination that Zhang Tie could talk to her in a secret way and still call her elder sister Guo like how he did at White Tiger Platform when he met her for the first time without putting on airs. Guo Hongyi's brilliant cheeks blushed at once in a bashful way, causing the others in the surroundings who were stealing a glance at her swallow their saliva. Two elders of Guo Clan on Guo Hongyi's side seemingly noticed something as their eye light started to swim between Zhang Tie and Guo Hongyi.

"I'm already satisfied as long as you still call me elder sister!"

Guo Hongyi's sound drifted into Zhang Tie's ears with hidden bitterness.

After hearing Guo Hongyi's reply, Zhang Tie who had rich experience in love affairs immediately understood what did she mean. Zhang Tie revealed a bitter smile as he really didn't know

when Guo Hongyi fell in love with him. 'We have only met 3 times and said a few words in total, plus this time. Additionally, God knows that I've not accosted her at all. I wonder why she could fall in love with me?'

As Zhang Tie thought about that, those familiar or strange looks flashed in front of his eyes one after another.

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Nan Gongsheng who had found him trouble in his opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect revealed a cordial smile as if he was Zhang Tie's old friend. All the disciples and the other elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect were looking at Zhang Tie in an awestricken manner...

Lu Zhongming and Linhuanxi were also in the auditorium. Besides being curious, they all looked at him with sincere and kind eye light, including their disciples behind them...

Zhao Clan and Yang Clan from Military Province also assigned Zhao Youxian whom Zhang Tie got acquainted with in the Earth-elements Realm and a strange Yang elder and some disciples here. Those Yang disciples looked similar to Yang Zhenjun; given their looks, they must be the juniors of Yang Zhenjun.

Fan Clan and Qin Clan from Yingzhou Province also assigned their elders here. Zhang Tie didn't see any animosity from their eyes; instead, he saw a bit flattery from Qin elders and a little pity from Fan elders. 'If not the accident, this young earth knight might have already married the daughter of Fan Clan and become the son-in-law of Fang Clan. Isn't Household Register Director Fan unfortunate?'

Mountain Lifting Hermit was nodding towards Zhang Tie as he congratulated the latter in a secret way. The disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect were so excited at the sight of their master.

Donder in the ceremonial robe was also sitting on the region of

Gold and Power Law while being accompanied by 3 people. Zhang Tie had met 2 of the 3 people. One of them was Guan Xiyi, the CEO of Golden Roc Bank, the other was Gongsun Liniang, a female knight whom Zhang Tie had once met in Waii Subcontinent. The rest one looked more dignified; sitting there steadily, his qi field was greater than that of Guan Xiyi and Gongsun Liniang; this guy was a dragon-head level mogul of Gold and Power Law. 'Now that this man attends my rotating chakra ceremony, it means that Gold and Power Law want to beg for my forgiveness. Because it was Han Zhengfang, the major dragon-head of Gold and Power Law who knew my information and screwed me in Fuhai City. After Han Zhengfang's real identity was exposed, his conspiracy was figured out too. Gold and Power Law has to give me an explanation; if not, I will have to ask for an explanation from them.'

Donder was blinking his eyes towards Zhang Tie; he would peep at Gongsun Liniang in an obscene way every now and then. 'This guy has been growing fat these years in Jinwu City. He has a corrupt life. As he grows heavier, it seems that he's becoming more lascivious. He even dares accost female knight...' Zhang Tie thought.

Chapter 1208: The Grand Elder of Huaiyuan Palace

It seemed that women knew better how to maintain their health and youth than men. After many years, Gongsun Liniang still looked that capable and distant. Strangers could barely approach her.

Gongsun Liniang might have not discovered Donder's lascivious eye light or realized that it was inconvenient for her to lose her temper on this occasion. This beautiful female knight with short hair just looked at Zhang Tie in a bizarre way as if she discovered a pre-historical dinosaur which jumped out of the rock.

The more people were familiar with Zhang Tie, the more they would be curious about Zhang Tie's current achievement and position.

Heavens Fortune Sect also assigned their representatives here. Zhang Tie noticed the elders of Heavens Fortune Sect whom he had met in the White Tiger Platform in Youzhou Province and Feng Cangwu who looked shocked together with his 3 sons Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zheng Chengpei among the audience.

After 5 years, Zhang Tie's 3 sons had been 9 years old. They all inherited the genes of Zhang Tie and their moms and looked pretty handsome. With black hair, black eyes, straight noses and snow-white skin, they looked half-blooded more or less. Before Zhang Tie appeared, his 3 sons were also the most eye-catching ones in the auditorium.

Although being only 9 years old, they looked as tall and straight as 12-year-old teenagers. Given their looks, they were undoubtedly elites. As there were so many knights at present, the moment they threw a glance at the 3 kids, they had known that Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei had lit all the surging points

on their spines. In another word, they were LV 9 fighters.

LV 9 fighters at 9 years old? They were definitely geniuses in cultivation among the top 7 sects of Taixia Country. Such a talent in cultivation was really enviable.

Only after inquiring about that out of amazement, they had known that the 3 kids in the auditorium were Zhang Tie's 3 sons. Because they were learning battle skills in Heavens Fortune Sect, according to the regulation of Heavens Fortune Sect, they were not qualified to leave the sect yet, including asking for a leave to go home. This time, they were allowed to attend the rotating chakra ceremony in the identity of disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Last night, when the airboat of Heavens Fortune Sect parked in Jinwu City, the three boys had already returned home and met their moms. Since 2 days ago, Zhang Tie had taken a bath and changed his clothes in his elder's pavilion on the top of Tiger Embracing Mountain and entered meditation while burning incense for the preparation of this rotating chakra ceremony. Therefore, his 3 sons didn't see Zhang Tie last night. It was their first time to see their dad.

When Zhang Tie approached them, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei almost dropped off their tears.

"You're men. You didn't let me down these years. Your dad is very happy about your achievement. Men should not cry at this moment!" Zhang Tie threw a deep glance at the 3 boys as he told them in a secret way.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei threw a glance at each other; meanwhile, they wiped off their tears as they chested out and accepted Zhang Tie's review like soldiers. In their hearts, their dad was always their hero...They didn't believe that their dad could do such a lunatic thing in Fuhai City. Now, Zhang Tie's case had been redressed; additionally, he had promoted to an earth knight.

Therefore, Zhang Tie's image in the minds of his 3 sons became more supreme.

'My 3 sons have already promoted to LV 9 fighters?' Zhang Tie shook his head and revealed a bitter smile inside. When he was 9 years old, Zhang Tie was still playing mud in Blackhot City. At that time, cultivation was a fairy tale for him. However, his 3 sons had become LV 9 fighters in Heavens Fortune Sect, one of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country at 9 years old. What a sharp contrast! Zhang Tie even felt embarrassed to compare himself to his 3 sons.

After a few years, Feng Cangwu looked a bit thinner while his facial skin became a bit coarse. Zhang Tie couldn't find any arrogance from him anymore; instead, Zhang Tie found that he became more profound and steadier. Besides the dashing spirit between his eyebrows which looked as sharp as an unsheathed sword blade, Feng Cangwu had completely changed. Zhang Tie wondered what Feng Cangwu had experienced in the Earth-elements Realm these years.

"Have a drink with me tonight!" Zhang Tie told Feng Cangwu in a secret way.

Feng Cangwu revealed a faint smile.

True friends didn't need to talk too much.

Taiyi Fantasy Sect assigned some strangers to attend this ceremony under the leadership of an earth knight. Watching Zhang Tie coming over here, although they all revealed smiles politely, their eye light looked unscrupulous. They just glanced over Zhang Tie freely as if they wanted to discover Zhang Tie's secrets.

Zhang Tie didn't feel like caring about these guys of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. The reason that he would like to return the airboat to them mainly lay in that he didn't want Lan Yunxi to be embarrassed in Taiyi Fantasy Sect; neither would he want to destroy the relationship between Lord Huaiyuan and Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

Additionally, Taixia Country was more and more chaotic, it was necessary to ease tensions between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect. He had already made a compromise to Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Zhang Tie didn't even care about the grand elder of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, not to mention the thoughts of the disciples of Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

Zhang Tie just threw a casual look at those representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect before passing by.

Those officials assigned by Northeast Military Region were in official uniforms. The Supreme Court of Xuanyuan Hill directly assigned a supreme court justice and an earth knight with a dark face. Their people were watching Zhang Tie out of curiosity; however, they didn't behave as freely as those from Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

The officials of the Northeast Military Region were here to confirm the identities of Zhang Tie and Cui Li. Whatever, Fire-dragon Bounty Territory was under Cui Li's name. If Zhang Tie couldn't prove that he was Cui Li, he couldn't prove that he was the owner of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory either, the ownership of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would then have problems. The officials of the Supreme Court of Taixia Country were here to apologize to Zhang Tie for that he had been wanted by Supreme Court for a few years.

The most excited ones in the audience were those clan representatives whose disciples had been enrolled by Zhang Tie as his disciples in Xuantian City a few months ago. As the happiest ones, their smiles were sincerest and most enthusiastic. Because Zhang Tie's powerful performance and great fame meant bright future of his disciples and profits for his disciples' clans.

When Zhang Tie approached his family members, Zhang Haitian, Zhang Tie's parents, Zhang Yang, Zhang Tie's wives, elder sisters-in-law, uncles, aunts and cousins looked pretty spirited as they all bathed the glory of the clan brought by Zhang Tie.

The eyes of Zhang Tie's parents and wives were already wet unconsciously. Zhang Yang was watching Zhang Tie with a smile as he tried to not drop off his tears. Zhang Haitian's face had blushed as he chested out constantly. Zhang Su, Zhang Tie's cousin revealed a smile and he held up his thumb in approval towards Zhang Tie.

Under the gaze of everybody else, Zhang Tie revealed a brilliant smile towards his family members.

All the others were looking at Zhang Tie with different expressions, such as admiration, jealousy, discontent, restlessness and gossip...

After passing by the audience, Zhang Tie burned 3 incenses for his forebears and inserted them into the incense burner solemnly. After accomplishing the tedious process, he returned and officially took a golden mace which represented the authority of the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace and a new remote-sensing finger ring from the hand of Zhang Taixuan, who looked solemn. After that, he sat on the golden chair.

"Elder Mushen has formed his 2 chakras. From today on, Elder Mushen becomes the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace. He could use his golden mace to beat muddle-headed clan head and unworthy descendants of Huaiyuan Palace..." Elder Muiyuan's sound reverberated around the square outside the Ancestral Shrine Palace, "Descendants of Huaiyuan Palace, please show your respect to Elder Mushen..."

Chapter 1209: Being Dwarfed by Comparison

It was time for the representatives from the major clans and sects to show up.

This process was similar to Zhang Tie's first rotating chakra ceremony. Those who came to congratulate him were all juniors from major sects and clans. As it was an earth knight's rotating chakra ceremony, it would not be bashful for some disciples of major sects such as Taiyi Fantasy Sect to congratulate him in the public.

Huaiyuan Palace's hundreds of disciples entered the stage first under the leadership of the castellan of Goldenlight City of Huaiyuan Palace. Goldenlight city was the former Goldensea City of Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Tie's family was in Goldensea City. As the elder in the branch of Goldensea City promoted to an earth knight, all the descendants of Goldensea City became very spirited. The current castellan of Goldenlight City was the descendant of Elder Muyuan; of course, he should speak on behalf of all the disciples of Huaiyuan Palace in the first row at this moment.

When Zhang Tie held his first rotating chakra ceremony, it was Zhang Taibai who led the clan disciples to congratulate him. This time, it was Goldenlight City's turn to lead the clan disciples to congratulate him. This also implied that the position of the branch of Goldenlight City had improved because of Zhang Tie.

"Huaiyuan Palace congratulate Elder Mushen on having a great and long fortune in cultivation base and eternal chakras. In order to congratulate Elder Mushen to promote to an earth knight, Huaiyuan Palace especially gift 200 water-element crystals, 800 tons of gold, 300 crates of bright pearls, 200 crates of gems, 60,000 m golden boa silk and 60,000 square miles' land outside Jinwu City." The castellan of Goldenlight City resounded over the square

outside the Ancestral Shrine Palace. This congratulation also kicked off the curtain that all the other major clans and sects entered the stage one batch after another.

Besides showing up themselves in the public, it was a good chance for the major clans and sects to show off their wealth. The overall strength of a clan or a sect could be easily identified by their gift. It was like gifting red purses. For instance, when others sent gifts to Huaiyuan Palace on the rotating charka ceremony, Huaiyuan Palace should send more gifts to the others on their rotating charka ceremony.

This was the etiquette pursued by Hua people.

Holding the golden mace, Zhang Tie was sitting straight on the silver throne which represented the power of earth knight and accepted the others' congratulations frankly.

Zhang Tie had reviewed the gift of Huaiyuan Palace in advance. He had refused all of them except for the 60,000 square miles' land. They were just going through the motions at this moment.

Zhang clan in Jinwu City was the richest clan in Youzhou Province. Zhang Tie felt it was meaningless to accept their gift and send the gift back to them as they were all members of Huaiyuan Palace. Zhang Tie had power and wealth; however, he didn't have enough land. What he had owned had been out of his imagination. Wealth and power merely meant pure figure and burden for him.

Closely after Huaiyuan Palace's team was the representative of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the head of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country.

Taiyi Fantasy Sect only assigned a young disciple here, who looked younger than 20 years old. However, he was already a battle spirit. When the audience saw that Taiyi Fantasy Sect only assigned one person here, they all slightly frowned, 'That's too insolent! It's a rotating chakra ceremony of an earth knight. They should at least assign 2 disciples.'

Zhang Tie just looked at this young disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect with a normal expression, just like Zhang Taixuan who was sitting on the other side.

"Taiyi Fantasy Sect congratulates Elder Mushen on having a great and long fortune in cultivation base and eternal chakras. In order to congratulate Elder Mushen on promoting to an earth knight, Taiyi Fantasy Sect especially gift 1,000 water-element crystals, 1,000 tons of gold and 1,000 Taiyi Soul-Building Pills..." The young disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect glanced around the surrounding audience arrogantly when he mentioned the Taiyi Soul-Building Pills. The audience evidently took in a deep breath. It seemed that Taiyi Soul-Building Pill was not ordinary.

"Taiyi Soul-Building Pill is the secret medicament of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. It could help ordinary fighters to light their surging points as soon as possible. Taiyi Soul-Building Pill could be barely gained in Taixia Country no matter how much money one paid; it barely enters the market, plus 1,000 water-element crystals and 1,000 tons of gold, Taiyi Fantasy Sect's gift is great..." Elder Muen explained to Zhang Tie by a secret means.

At this moment, it seemed that Elder Muen was afraid that Taiyi Fantasy Sect's insolent demeanor irritated Zhang Tie and could be hardly dealt with in the end.

Taiyi Fantasy Sect's gift was not bad; however, they put on their airs more or less. Zhang Tie immediately got hang of the attitude of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. They wanted to show off the power and position as the first sect in Taixia Country while not being looked down upon by others.

'No need to be that complex. It's just your elder's airboat. Are these things more valuable than an airboat? You just want to take back that airboat from here. No need to put on airs! So boring!'

Zhang Tie complained inside; however, he still looked kind. Because Zhang Tie knew that the boring and narrow-minded

things in his eyes might be related to the honor of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Due to different stances and perspectives, people always had different conclusions.

"Please extend my thanks to your clan head and elders on behalf of me. The friendship between Huaiyuan Palace and Taiyi Fantasy Sect started from Lord Huaiyuan. As the posterity of Lord Huaiyuan, of course, I also hope this friendship to last forever!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's polite words, the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace let out a sigh at the same time. Those powerhouses in the auditorium also exchanged a glance with each other as their intense looks became relaxed.

After the young disciple of Taiyi Fantasy Sect left, it was the representatives of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Zhang Tie's 3 sons, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei were chesting out and opening their mouths loudly at the same time, "Heavens Fortune Sect congratulate Elder Mushen on having a great and long fortune in cultivation base and eternal chakras. In order to congratulate Elder Mushen on promoting to an earth knight, Heavens Fortune Sect especially gift 1,000 water-element crystals, 1,000 tons of gold and the right of 20 years' cultivation in the tower of time of Langya Cave of Heavens Fortune Sect!"

After hearing the great gift of Heavens Fortune Sect, the audience in the auditorium exclaimed once again. The right of 20 years' cultivation in the tower of time in the Langya Cave of Heavens Fortune Sect? What a debt of gratitude! Zhang Tie's 3 sons congratulated him on behalf of Heavens Fortune Sect plus this special gift. What a much-told tale! This gift was much more valuable than that of Taiyi Fantasy Sect for an earth knight.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at the auditorium of Heavens Fortune Sect. The elders of Heavens Fortune Sect were also looking at him. Zhang Tie just cupped his hands towards the elders of Heavens

Fortunes Sect solemnly. The elders of Heavens Fortune Sect nodded towards Zhang Tie with a smile.

Closely after Heavens Fortune Sect were two disciples of Demons Killing Valley.

The gift of Demons Killing Valley was 1,000 water-element crystals, 1,000 tons of gold and 1,000 sets of rune battle armors being produced by Demons Killing Valley. The rune battle armors of Demons Killing Valley were definitely more valuable than 1,000 Taiyi Soul-Building Pills of Heavens Fortune Sect. Therefore, another round of exclamations sounded in the auditorium.

At this moment, those powerhouses of Taiyi Fantasy Sect didn't look good anymore. As the first sect in Taixia Country, they felt a bit frustrated as their gift was defeated by that of Heavens Fortune Sect and Demons Killing Valley in value.

However, it was not the fault of Taiyi Fantasy Sect. Taiyi Fantasy Sect had not imagined that Demons Killing Valley could arrive with such a great gift because they didn't know that Zhang Tie had any relationship with Demons Killing Valley after Zhang Tie came to Taixia Country. Although Taiyi Fantasy Sect had imagined that the Heavens Fortune Sect would arrive, they didn't imagine that Heavens Fortune Sect could have such a deep relationship with Zhang Tie and could even provide the right of 20 years' cultivation in the tower of time in Langya Cave of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Zhang Tie didn't look at the faces of those representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect anymore. Just now, he was not furious because he had long known that the other clans would slap Taiyi Fantasy Sect's face for him.

The third group of people who would slap the face of Heavens Fortune Sect entered the stage, it was the Guan Xiyi, the CEO of Gold and Power Law and Donder.

"Gold and Power Law congratulate Elder Mushen on having a great and long fortune in cultivation base and eternal chakras. In

order to congratulate Elder Mushen on promoting to an earth knight, Gold and Power Law especially gift 2,000 water-element crystals, 2,000 tons of gold, 2,000 vials of senior recovery medicaments, Lanjing City which is a Class I City in Yingzhou Province, 120 square miles' land in Youzhou Province, a customized heavenly-cloud airboat and a purple-cloud airboat..."

"Hua..." The entire auditorium was in an uproar, even the elders of Huaiyuan Palace exchanged a glance with each other while widely opening their mouths. What a great gift!

Zhang Tie's family members were dumbfounded too. Such a great gift had not been seen for many years across Taixia Country.

After being slapped by Gold and Power Law on the spot once again, the face of earth knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect turned black at once. He moved his eyes onto Zhang Tie with a vacant look as he didn't know why Gold and Power Law could flatter an earth knight in this way. After this gift was reported, the gift of Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the first clan of Taixia Country was dwarfed by that of the other clans at once...

The airboat that Zhang Tie returned to Taiyi Fantasy Sect was also a Heavenly Cloud airboat; the representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect could not imagine that a sect could gift Zhang Tie 2 airboats the moment Zhang Tie returned the airboat to them...

Previously, the representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect had a superiority complex as they were here to drive that airboat back. However, as long as Gold and Power Law's gift was reported, all of them felt that they were like small pedlars who came here to accept and deal with a second-hand abandoned car. They found that the airboat of Taiyi Fantasy Sect was nothing but a sh*t in Zhang Tie's eyes...

Chapter 1210: The Halos of Gentleman

After hearing Donder's gift, Zhang Tie became a bit shocked; however, it was still within his imagination.

Taiyi Fantasy Sect and the others might be dumbfounded by such a great gift; however, Zhang Tie was clear why Gold and Power Law was so generous this time. To put it straight, this gift meant that Gold and Power Law or the imperial court of Taixia Country wanted a reconciliation with him.

The culprit of the tragedy in Fuhai City was the major dragon-head of Gold and Power Law; when Zhang Tie was screwed, his identity was the dark gold manager of Gold and Power Law. Han Zhengfang made advantage of Zhang Tie's trust to Gold and Power Law and gained some key information about Zhang Tie in Waii Subcontinent. Therefore, he set a plot in Fuhai City and almost killed Zhang Tie. This case was not an ordinary frame-up; it was more like a betrayal, the most despicable, shameless and chilling betrayal and sniper's shot. As Han Zhengfang was the representative of the imperial court and imperial households of Taixia Country, it was the fault of the imperial court and imperial households of Taixia Country for not discovering Han Zhengfang's real identity. Therefore, seriously, even the imperial court and imperial households of Taixia Country should be responsible for the tragedy in Fuhai City. Zhang Tie made a great meritorious deed for Taixia Country by inflicting a heavy loss on the Heavens Reaching Church in Youzhou Province; however, he was struck, framed and wanted by the strength of the internal system of Taixia Country. If it was exposed to the public, Taixia Country would definitely lose its support among the people.

That was why Gold and Power Law presented such a "sincere" gift to Zhang Tie in his rotating chakra ceremony. If Zhang Tie had no belongings, he could establish a powerful clan with Gold and Power Law's gift.

The relationship between Zhang Tie and Gold and Power Law was a secret. The so-called Dark Gold manager was his secret identity in Gold and Power Law. Zhang Tie had not exposed this secret to anyone except for Zhang Yang. He didn't even tell it to the other clan elders of Huaiyuan Palace, not to mention Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

Therefore, after hearing the gift of Gold and Power Law, those who didn't know the reason were shocked at once. Even if Gold and Power Law wanted to apologize to Zhang Tie, they didn't need to send such a great gift. Therefore, the audience wondered about the motive of Gold and Power Law by doing this.

The earth knight of Taiyi Fantasy Sect moved his eye light between Zhang Tie and the representatives of Gold and Power Law for quite a while as if he wanted to discover the secret between them.

The other elders of Huaiyuan Palace also responded to this gift with strange expressions. After calculating Zhang Tie's private land area and cities in Youzhou Province, the elders of Huaiyuan Palace became stunned at once.

Zhang Tie's Fire-dragon Bounty Territory occupied over 800,000 square miles' land. After Guan Clan bought the rest part of the entire Yangui Mountain Range and gifted it to Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie's land area reached over 1,700,000 square miles' land. Previously, Zhang Tie had bought the Zanggu Plateau in Youzhou Province, which covered over 1,800,000 square miles' land; plus the 1,200,000 square miles' land that Gold and Power Law had gifted, Zhang Tie had over 4,800,000 square miles' land in Youzhou Province, which was 8 times greater than that of Yanghe Prefecture of Huaiyuan Palace. Besides, Zhang Tie had 10 cities in his Fire-dragon Bounty Territory. Zhang Tie's private land area and cities were greater than that of the entire Huaiyuan Palace.

No wonder Zhang Tie didn't feel like taking over the position of the clan head. With so many land and cities, Zhang Tie could build

another Huaiyuan Palace. Based on Zhang Tie's temperament, he didn't need to compete for the position of clan head with Zhang Taixuan at all. Given Zhang Tie's properties and power and the position of the grand elder of Huaiyuan Palace, nobody in Huaiyuan Palace dared say no to Zhang Tie. Additionally, they all wondered when did Zhang Tie establish such a close relationship with Demons Killing Valley; plus Heavens Fortune Sect which was also on Zhang Tie's side, 3 of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country got along with Zhang Tie. Elder Mushen's human relationship, resources and prestige could not be matched by any other members of Huaiyuan Palace, including the clan head...

All the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace thought that they had understood what Zhang Tie was thinking about. Zhang Taixuan also flickered his eyes as he watched Zhang Tie quietly.

Zhang Tie's uncles and relatives on the auditorium were shocked too much that they couldn't even utter a word. Zhang family's shipyard was dwarfed by the gifts. At the same time, Zhang members realized Zhang Tie's prestige and great influence outside.

The moment Gold and Power Law's gift was reported, the auditorium was in an uproar at once. Closely after that, it became quiet again while everyone just watched Zhang Tie.

After being silent for a second, Zhang Tie opened his mouth. Without gratitude or refusal, Zhang Tie just watched manager Guan Xiyi and Donder of Gold and Power Law calmly as he said easily, "I will take the great gift of Gold and Power Law. As it's in the holy war, let the bygones be bygones. As knights, we should unite with each other to resist the enemy together!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, manager Guan Xiyi, Donder and all the others on the auditorium revealed a smile as if they had felt a sense of relief.

Zhang Tie had accepted the apology of Gold and Power Law. The overall situation of Taixia Country counted most. Now that Zhang

Tie had forgotten about the personal grievances, he had saved the faces of Gold and Power Law and the imperial court of Taixia Country and didn't make them too embarrassed in the public. Although the gift was great in the eyes of the others, it was nothing compared to the overall strength of Gold and Power Law, the richest sect among the top 7 sects of Taixia Country.

After making a deep bow towards Zhang Tie, Guan Xiyi and Donder left and returned to their seats.

It was Zhang Tie's first time to receive other's great gift while having them appreciate him and feel that he was personable, open-minded and aboveboard.

Zhang Tie could even understand Taiyi Fantasy Sect by returning the airboat to them, not to mention Gold and Power Law and that he had killed Han Zhengfang with a great achievement. The real man should be able to take something up and put it down with equal ease. Additionally, the great gift of Gold and Power Law was really thoughtful. When he met Donder a few days ago, he mentioned that he would return the airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect; it was out of his imagination that Gold and Power Law could gift him 2 airboats today. Now that Gold and Power Law respected him so much, he also showed his respect to Gold and Power Law so that both parties could be satisfied.

Everybody at present was pleasant except for the representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

After the representatives of Gold and Power Law retreated, the 4th batch of people who slapped the face of Taiyi Fantasy Sect entered the stage.

It was 2 stewards from Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

"Lord Guangnan's Mansion congratulate Elder Mushen on having a great and long fortune in cultivation base and eternal chakras. In order to congratulate Elder Mushen on promoting to an earth knight, Lord Guangnan's Mansion especially gift 2,000 water-

element crystals, 20 million gold coins, 2,000 pairs of jade ivories and earth-element rhino horns, 2,000 crates of gems, 100,000 kg starry violet gold, 800,000 kg top-class spirited sandalwood, 2,000 crates of various top-class medicaments and tribute tea leaves, 26,000 m long golden boa silk cloths, 2,000 domestic servants and Heavenly Stars City near Heavenly Stars Lake, which is a scenic spot in the south border of Taixia Country!"

After hearing this gift, the auditorium was in an uproar once again. Even the earth knights in the top 7 sects couldn't receive such great gifts in their rotating chakra ceremonies one after another.

Many people who didn't know the reason hurriedly asked others why Lord Guangnan's Mansion "flattered" Elder Mushen so much. Soon after being hinted by those who knew the reason, everybody had understood it as they all threw their glance at Bai Suxian who was the most beautiful one on the auditorium—it turns out that Elder Mushen has convinced the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and will establish a connection with Lord Guangnan's Mansion through marriage. No wonder Lord Guangnan is so generous; he's sending this gift to his son-in-law.

At this moment, many people had the same thought when they watched the beautiful wives of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian, 'Elder Mushen is really the most romantic man in the world!'

By contrast, the faces of those representatives of Taiyi Fantasy Sect had turned black. Being fully confident, Taiyi Fantasy Sect had completely deteriorated into minor roles. Even though their gift ranked last among the gifts of the other major clans and Lord Guangnan's Mansion, they couldn't lose a temper.

In the eyes of the audience, Zhang Tie became more dignified and mysterious on the silver throne. In the eyes of these people, even though Zhang Tie just sat there, he was giving out light all over. At the same time, he was releasing a strong surging qi in a formidable way.

After the representatives of Lord Guangnan's Mansion returned to their seats, more and more guests congratulated Zhang Tie on the stage, including the representatives of Zhu Clan the provincial governor's clan in Yanzhou Province, Qian Clan the provincial governor's clan in Tongzhou Province and the major clans in Youzhou Province. Although these clans' gifts couldn't match that of the 3 top sects and Lord Guangnan's Mansion, they were also prepared carefully and could match the identities of those clans themselves.

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanyi's disciples also sent a great gift to Zhang Tie on behalf of Minling Swordsmanship Sect in Guzhou Province.

As Zhang Tie once saved Lin Huanxi's life, Lu Zhongming's and Lin Huanxi's gift was really expensive, including 400 water-element crystals, 400 tons of gold, 4 bronze secret items, 400 crates of precious specialties in Guzhou Province and a secret book about the joint attack that the couple received by accident.

The disciples of Nangong Sheng, the founder of Immortal Fist Position Sect also congratulated Zhang Tie with a great gift.

Even Zhao Clan and Yang Clan in Military Province had sent their gifts, not to mention those major clans whose disciples were in Iron-Dragon Sect.

When Yang Clan's juniors entered the stage, there was an episode. Previously, Yang Clan in Military Province only had one knight-level elder Yang Zhenjun. After Yang Zhenyun lost his life in the Earth-elements Realm, Yan Clan's situation declined greatly over these years. All the representatives of Yang Clan entered the stage to congratulate Zhang Tie; additionally, their gift was greatly dwarfed by that of Zhao Clan in Military Province. Actually, Yang Clan's gift couldn't even account 1/5 of that of Zhao Clan. Yang Clan only gifted 1 million gold coins, 2 rune equipment which had just broken through the bottleneck of black iron effect and 20 crates of specialties in Military Province.

The clan head of Yang Clan reported the gift himself, which aroused the discussion of the audience at once. Compared to the shocks caused by the gifts of the top 3 sects and Lord Guangnan's Mansion, Yang Clan's gift was also shocking to another extreme. Such a cheap gift was even enough to congratulate a black iron's rotating chakra ceremony, not to mention an earth knight's rotating chakra ceremony. The clan head and all the disciples of Yang Clan felt bashful as they just lowered their heads.

Under the strange looks of the audience, Zhang Tie left his silver throne and deeply bowed towards the clan head and disciples of Yang Clan. Zhang Tie's movements not only made the audience dumbfounded, but also made the clan head and disciples of Yang Clan perplexed.

"Zhang Tie is bowing towards the martyr of Yang Clan. Zhang Tie got acquainted with Elder brother Zhenjun in the Earth-elements Realm and experienced life or death situations together. We were comrades-in-arms. I've not imagined that Elder brother Zhenjun had fought demons to death in the center of Tiewei Mountain in the first abyss of the Earth-elements Realm when Zhang Tie came out of the dilemma a few years later. Elder brother Zhenjun was dauntless in front of the large formation of demon knights and finally sacrificed himself for the sake of humans and Taixia Country, leaving nothing but his clothes. When I heard that news, I let out a deep sigh too. Elder brother Zhenjun was full of zeal with imperishable noble spirit. He lived and died for humans. He should be the model of our peer knights. With such a heroic forebear, Yang Clan deserve Zhang Tie's bow!"

Soon after hearing Zhang Tie's words, all the representatives of Yang Clan dissolved in tears. As a result, all the juniors knelt down in front of Zhang Tie and kowtowed towards Zhang Tie. By then, all the "strange" looks on Yang Clan's representatives turned deferent. How could the clan members of a late hero be despised by people because of a poor gift?

After Yang clan's representatives stood up and straightened up with tears over their faces, Zhang Tie told the clan head of Yang Clan, "Although the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect has passed, I want to enroll another two disciples today. Would disciples of Yang Clan like to join Iron-Dragon Sect?"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, the clan head of Yang Clan surged out more tears. Yan Clan indeed expected that Zhang Tie could enroll some members of Yang Clan as his disciples given the friendship between Zhang Tie and the clan head of Yang Clan so that Yang Clan could see a hope to reinvigorate. They had not imagined that Zhang Tie had known their intention before they asked for that. Therefore, the clan head immediately intended to kneel down towards Zhang Tie; however, Zhang Tie stopped him by grabbing his arm.

"Tiecheng, Tieqiang, hurry up, kowtow towards your master!" The clan head of Yang Clan turned around and shouted towards two members of Yang Clan as he caught Zhang Tie's arm tightly with tears all over his face.

Two 18-year-old young men knelt down in front of Zhang Tie once again as they immediately knocked onto the ground with their foreheads forcefully. When they raised their heads, their foreheads had already turned red.

Zhang Tie helped the two disciples stand up on his own initiative. Closely after that, he pointed at the area of the representatives of Iron-Dragon Sect before saying, "You're my disciples today. Take a seat over there after talking with your family members.

This episode didn't take Zhang Tie too much time. After Yang Clan's representatives returned to their area, the rotating chakra ceremony continued. However, after such an episode, many people watched Zhang Tie with more curious and awestruck eye light.

The halos of a gentleman were educational, pitying and upholding the justice.

'If Zhang Tie's deeds were regarded as buying popularity, hypocrites are expected to spread over the world. Because everyone expects their hearts to be bought in this way.' Many people let out a sigh with emotion inside.

The process of congratulations took them 2 hours. Zhang Tie also received numerous gifts.

After the link of congratulations, many guests felt that the grand occasion of Elder Mushen's rotating chakra ceremony and so many much-told tales in the ceremony would definitely be spread over the world. The fame of Zhang Tie, Zhang Mushen would reach a new height in Taixia Country.

"It's said that Elder Mushen has awakened an immortal bloodline and could change your look casually like shadow demons; additionally, the means that Elder Mushen used to convert between two secret methods is really rare. May you show us that talent today?" A distant voice drifted from the auditorium of Taiyi Fantasy Sect after the last congratulant left...

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After hearing that question, Zhang Tie looked at the seats of Taiyi Fantasy Sect's representatives once again.

That representative of Taiyi Fantasy Sect might not ask this question out of a good intention; however, it was indeed a good chance for Zhang Tie to launch a counter-attack towards Taiyi Fantasy Sect.

It was a knight at his 50s who asked that question. He had a dislikeable long face and an emaciated figure. His words made all the guests move their eyes onto Zhang Tie once again.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "May I know your name, sir?"

"This humble man is Bai Zhonghe, a junior of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!" That man stood up as he replied and cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Zhang Tie looked at Bai Zhonghe for a short. After that, his body started to ripple like water waves. After the water waves calmed down, Zhang Tie had already incarnated into the look of Ba Zhonghe; besides clothes, his figure, look and hairstyle became as same as that of Bai Zhonghe.

With a sound of crashing, the entire auditorium was in an uproar. Many people stood up out of amazement while watching Zhang Tie who had incarnated into another person.

"This humble man is Bai Zhonghe, a junior of Taiyi Fantasy Sect!" Zhang Tie stood up as he repeated Bai Zhonghe's words in the same voice and the same movement.

"You...you...you..." Bai Zhonghe stammered like seeing a ghost as he pointed towards Zhang Tie.

Actually, Bai Zhonghe was not the only one who felt like seeing a ghost; besides very few people who had seen Zhang Tie's body-changing immortal bloodline, almost all the 2,000-odd guests

became stunned at the sight of Zhang Tie's performance.

Zhang Tie just incarnated into another person casually in such a short while. That was what made people feel terrified.

All the knights had stood up out of amazement, including the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

After repeating Bai Zhonghe's words, Zhang Tie's body rippled and incarnated into his original look once again under the gaze of the public.

"Immortal bloodline, immortal bloodline..." The auditorium was in an uproar as many people exclaimed.

As it was their first time to witness the legendary and unique immortal bloodline, many guests thought that they were dreaming. Therefore, they all pinched their thigh forcefully.

If the deacons and disciples of Huaiyuan Palace were not maintaining order on the spot, the exclamations would have soon turned into chaos.

"Right, it's my body-changing immortal bloodline. I could change my figure and look casually. It's just a small trick of disguise. Don't laugh at me!" Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards all directions. After that, he sat back. Closely after that, he stretched out one hand, which released a ball of five-elements battle qi which carried the features of gold, wood, water, fire and soil and constantly changed its color. At the sight of it, those who were familiar with it would know that Zhang Tie was cultivating "Five-elements Ground-look Sutra". After a few seconds, that five-elements battle qi disappeared. Zhang Tie closed his eyes for a short while. When he opened his eyes once again, the same hand released the fiery fire-dragon battle qi. "This is the secret method of chaotic treasure body that I cultivate. As long as one grasps this secret method, one's surging points would be chaotic. At that time, one could simulate the effect of any secret method as long as one has the secret method!"

Previously, Zhang Tie told the elders of Huaiyuan Palace that it would normally take his secret method of chaotic treasure body about half an hour to convert between different battle qis and secret methods, except today. According to Zhang Tie's explanation to the other elders of Huaiyuan Palace, the rapid conversion between the battle qis of different secret methods would consume him a lot of vitality; additionally, after a rapid conversion, he could only release 30% of the total battle qi in almost one day. That was an evident and severe sequela. When in special occasion, rapid conversion might bring him fatal outcomes by sparing a chance for the enemy to attack him. However, it was very special today. In order to shock all the people who had malicious intentions about Huaiyuan Palace, Zhang Tie would expose his trump cards to the public even if he had to "pay the price for that".

The elders of Huaiyuan Palace believed in Zhang Tie's words firmly; besides, they were touched too much. Whatever, only Zhang Tie could grasp the secret method of "Chaotic Treasure Body", Zhang Tie didn't worry that his lies would be exposed. Additionally, he didn't feel that he could have any chance to fight the others in 2 days after the rotating chakra ceremony.

Zhang Tie didn't know whether gentlemen would tell lies. Actually, Zhang Tie didn't completely treat himself as a gentleman until today. He was not simply telling lies but responding to the situations timely with the chance of the rotating chakra ceremony. The latter was the main purpose of Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony. However, Zhang Tie really had not imagined that he could receive so many gifts.

Thousands of people at present witnessed the power of Zhang Tie's body-changing immortal bloodline and secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body. Therefore, the entire auditorium was in an uproar. Exclamations and communications made the square before the Ancestral Shrine Palace as boisterous as a marketplace.

In this chaos, a person in class VI official uniform stood up as he cupped his hands towards Zhang Tie said loudly, "Please forgive me, Elder Mushen, this humble man is the land resources administer of the northeast military region. Because Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was rewarded to Fire-Dragon Hermit Cui Li and all the certificates about Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory were signed by Cui Li, Elder Mushen should prove that Cui Li was your incarnation although you've just displayed your body-changing immortal bloodline before inheriting all the rights of Cui Li in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Whatever, we have to follow the Taixia law. Commander Cheng especially ordered this humble man to confirm the relationship between Elder Mushen and Cui Li and the ownership of all the rights and interests of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory in case of disputes and troubles!"

After hearing the official's words, the square became quiet once again. They all wanted to see how Zhang Tie proved that he was Cui Li. It would be better if Zhang Tie could display his body-changing immortal bloodline once again. He finished it too fast just now. Although many people had witnessed how Zhang Tie incarnated into another person, they wanted to watch that one more time.

"How do you want me to prove it?" Zhang Tie asked kindly. At this moment, Zhang Tie didn't believe that the imperial court of Taixia Country and Northeast Military Region would make him embarrassed on this issue. They just wanted to end the gossips. Additionally, Zhang Tie would indeed meet problems in inheriting the ownership of properties of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory if he didn't prove the relationship between Cui Li and him. 'These problems should be solved as soon as possible. Although Commander Cheng didn't come here, he has already expressed his goodwill to me.'

"Cui Li has left the complete handprints on the documents of inheriting Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. The two complete

handprints are the most important reference and certificate for us to confirm the identity of Cui Li. If Cui Li is indeed the incarnation of Elder Mushen. As long as Elder Mushen could show us the same complete handprints, we will believe that Cui Li is your incarnation!" That official of Northeast Military Region Command said as he took out 2 lead slime seals that could keep Zhang Tie's handprints from his portable space-teleportation equipment. After that, he threw a glance at the clan head of Huaiyuan Palace and had him hand the two seals to Zhang Tie.

"It's simple..." Zhang Tie replied with a smile as his two hands started to grow larger and coarser and darker; even the grains of his palms and fingers were changing. Finally, they turned as large as a pair of cattail leaf fans. After that, Zhang Tie pressed a clear handprint on each lead mud seal, including the complete prints of his 10 fingers.

One deacon of Huaiyuan Palace handed the two lead mud seals back to the land resources administer of Northeast Military Region. The land resources administer took out an item like projector from his portable space-teleportation equipment under the gaze of the public. He put a photographic negative-like semi-transparent black card on the mirror of the machine before inserting the two lead mud seals into the two slots of the machine. Four clear handprints were reflected onto the screen. After that, the 4 handprints gradually aligned with each other under the manipulation of the land resources administrator, which proved that Cui Li was indeed the incarnation of Zhang Tie.

"Elder Mushen, the handprints that you've just incarnated are as same as that left by Cui Li. It could be proved that Cui Li is your incarnation. Later on, you need to sign some more documents so as to confirm your rights in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory!" The land resources administrator told Zhang Tie after teleporting the lead mud seals and the projector into his portable space-teleportation equipment.

"Thanks!"

"You're welcome, Elder Mushen. It's my responsibility!" The land resources administrator sat down after saying that.

"Elder Mushen, I wonder where did you get the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body? How could you not be discovered by others when you disguised as Cui Li?" Another official of Supreme Court stood up as he asked Zhang Tie politely.

"I gradually learned the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body through gnosis in a bizarre state after being struck by a lightning bolt. My achievement mostly benefitted from the experience of being struck by a lightning bolt. As for how I could be not discovered by others when I disguised as Cui Li, Cui Li was also disguised by a wanted man in Taixia Country. That wanted man is called Zhu Liang the poisonous wolf. When I returned to Taixia Country at the beginning, I met Zhu Liang the poisonous wolf who was being chased after by some bounty criminal hunters. Zhu Liang found I was alone and wanted to kill me; however, I killed him; before his death, I read his memory in soul reading skill. Later on, I could only incarnate into Cui Li with the ability of body-changing immortal bloodline and the secret method of Chaotic Treasure Body!"

"Soul Reading Skill?" The official of Supreme Court quivered slightly all over.

"Yes, when I was fighting clans of Three-eye Association in Waii Subcontinent, I discovered a secret method called "Soul Forbidden Method" from a member of the clan of Three-eye Association. Therefore, I grasped soul reading skill!"

Body-changing immortal bloodline, Chaotic Treasure Body and the soul reading skill in the Soul Forbidden Method. After thinking about the 3 phrases for a short while, a gasp sounded in the auditorium at the same time.

Did it mean that Zhang Tie could disguise whoever he wanted

below knight level? After reading one's memory, he incarnated into that one's look. Who else in the world could identify Zhang Tie's incarnation? If someone offended him, they didn't even know how they were killed.

Nangong Sheng's face changed a bit. Closely after that, the two elders of Immortal Fist Position Sect exchanged a glance with each other as they all saw a faint fear and shock in the opponent's eyes. 'Thankfully, we didn't completely offend Zhang Tie at that time; otherwise, we didn't even know how we were killed...'

"Hahaha, what a soul reading secret skill..." When the others were shocked too much, a hoarse laughter suddenly drifted from above Ancestral Shrine Palace. At the same time, a knight in a gloomy black robe appeared in the sky.

This knight had a hooknose. With weird sparkling eye light and silver hair swaying in the air, he was covered with a bizarre and grim black mist, which was constantly twisting around him like a vigorous flame as if it was going to shake off an invisible iron chain. What an amazing scene!

Black robe, hooknose, grim face, silver hair and weird mist. What a vivid image! Even though he had not appeared for a few years, the moment he showed up, he would be recognized by others at once.

"Black-robed knight Gorath, the most terrifying human voodoo pharmacist..." Someone immediately exclaimed in the west of the Ancestral Shrine Palace.

The well-known image of black-robed knight Gorath impressed people deeply. With the terrifying moons-demon miasma, this man had exterminated an entire demon corps and hundreds of millions of demonized puppets, turning a subcontinent into a ghost region. He was the most terrifying black iron human knight.

Nobody could imagine that they could see Gorath here.

Gorath's intention was unknown; however, his extremely terrifying moons-demon miasma and changing black mist made many people in the auditorium intense.

Gorath could destroy a city or a subcontinent easily. Like a biochemical weapon which would explode at any time, this person would make others intense wherever he was. In some legends, even the air that Gorath exhaled was severely poisonous. Of course, his appearance would make some commoners feel intense. Even though those knights became alert at the sight of him; meanwhile, they all wondered why Gorath could appear here.

At the sight Gorath, Elder Muray raised his eyebrows as he intended to shoot up and ask Gorath about his intention.

"Elder Muray, take easy. This person is my friend!" Zhang Tie stopped Elder Muray with a solemn look as he looked up at "Gorath" and said, "It's nice to see you again, my friend, do you want to have a drink downside here?"

"No need, my friend, it's not inconvenient to do that. I've just collected a new destructive ptomaine recently. I cannot control it easily for the time being. I prefer to stay in the air. It would be safer!" Gorath's cold sound drifted from the sky, "Soon after I left Earth-elements Realm, I've been told that you've returned to Youzhou Province and promoted to an earth knight. I especially came here to take a look at you. I remember that you were a black iron knight a few years ago, it's really out of my imagination that you've already promoted to an earth knight. Congratulations, you're really the best Hua knight I've ever seen."

After hearing Gorath's words, everyone believed that Zhang Tie got acquainted with Gorath before. Additionally, they were good friends.

"Hoho, I'm just lucky..." Zhang Tie replied modestly.

"According to the proverb of you Hua people, nobody could promote to a knight by accident. It's all your hard efforts. I'm

going to leave Taixia Country. Hope we could see each other later on!"

"Where are you going?"

"I've not decided. I will think about it after leaving Taixia Country, I might go to an unpopulated isle in the ocean or somewhere in a subcontinent!"

"Well, congratulations, bon voyage. Additionally, thanks for coming to see me!" Zhang Tie cupped his hands towards Gorath.

"Gorath" nodded in the sky. After that, he threw a distant glance at Zhang Tie before flying towards the open waters outside Tiger Embracing City.

When Gorath was flying away, some knights in the auditorium wanted to chase after him; however, they were all stopped by those on their side. Therefore, nobody chased after him in the end because of the words of Gorath. He had just collected a new destructive ptomaine. Even Gorath himself couldn't control it. They realized that they'd better stay far away from Gorath. What was more, Gorath targeted at demons and Three-eye Association. Additionally, he had no evil deeds; therefore, those knights who used to treat themselves as righteous ones didn't have a reason to chase after Gorath. Additionally, it was in the territory of Huaiyuan Palace and Taixia Country. If Gorath was driven mad, he might release his terrifying ptomaine miasma in Embracing Tiger City or Taixia Country as a whole. By then, who would be responsible for that?

When they thought about this, they just watched black robe knight Gorath disappearing in the sky.

"Elder Mushen, you and Gorath are friends?" Elder Muray looked at Zhang Tie with a shocked expression.

Zhang Tie nodded seriously as he replied, "I got acquainted with him in Waii Subcontinent. At that time, I protected Huaiyuan

Prefecture to the end. Occasionally, I met him. He was severely injured at that time and was being chased after by demon general and the knights of Three-eye Association. I helped him beat back those knights of Three-eye Association. After that, we became friends. I didn't know what he had done in Waii Subcontinent since I left there. We've not seen each other for many years!"

Zhang Tie replied as if it was the truth. However, nobody doubted him. Because Gorath just appeared in front of him and chatted with him just now. Someone might be able to disguise as Gorath; however, they couldn't imitate Gorath's temperament especially that vigorous black mist around him which was actually a terrifying ptomaine miasma or a form of moons-demon ptomaine.

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In the chilly wind, the black-robed knight Gorath arrived above the ocean. After ensuring that nobody was chasing after him, he dove into the sea at once.

The moment Gorath entered the sea, he had reached 60 miles away and entered an oceanic trench being covered with reefs and marine plants.

It was absolutely safe here. Nobody could see him. Gorath looked back at the direction of the Tiger Embracing Mountain. After that, he looked at his body and turned his black robe into powders by battle qi. After that, he muttered to himself, "What a powerful body-separation skill..."

After saying the words, Gorath's body disappeared into the bubbles and twisted shadow under the water...

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Chapter 1212: The New Layout (I)

After the rotating charka ceremony finished for 2 days, various news about this rotating chakra ceremony were gradually fermenting. On February 6th, Zhang Tie had finished his reunion within his family members and left Jinwu City for Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory together with the disciples of Iron-dragon Sect, Mountain Lifting Hermit, Bai Suxian, Bai Suxian's elder brother, Feng Cangwu, Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and their disciples, Donder and Zhang Su, Zhang Tie's cousin.

The airboat of Heavens Fortune Sect left Youzhou Province yesterday. After meeting their dad and reuniting with their family members, Zhang Tie's 3 sons returned to Heavens Fortune Sect together with the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Zhang Tie became reassured about his 3 sons. The grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect attended his rotating chakra ceremony. After the ceremony, Zhang Tie had talked with the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect carefully. Through this talk, Heavens Fortune Sect had become Zhang Tie's ally officially. Because of this relationship, Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei could receive the best education in Heavens Fortune Sect for sure.

Speaking of education, besides Gold and Power Law, the educational systems of the other 6 top sects of Taixia Country were the best among humans. Without such high educational levels and systems, they couldn't be top sects in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie's 3 sons were instructed by Deyang Immortal, the grand elder of Heavens Fortune Sect. Zhang Tie had met him in White Tiger Platform. This time, Deyang Immortal attended Zhang Tie's Rotating Chakra Ceremony on behalf of Heavens Fortune Sect too.

Immortal was an appellation of shadow-knights in Taixia

Country. Deyang Immortal's original name was Wang Deyang. Because his cultivation method was a top-secret method in Taiyi Fantasy Sect, which was also cultivated by someone else; additionally, many people had promoted to shadow knight by the same secret method. Therefore, according to the universal appellation of Taixia Country, the appellation "immortal" should be prefixed with his original name. By contrast, as Mountain Lifting Hermit was the only one who cultivated Mountain Lifting Sutra, like how Cui Li cultivated Fire Dragon Sutra alone, "hermit" could be prefixed with the name of their cultivation method.

Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked about the relationship and cooperation between Zhang Clan and Heavens Fortune Sect and the current situation facing Taixia Country as well as the cultivation of Zhang Chenglei, Zhang Chengting and Zhang Chengpei in Heavens Fortune Sect.

Top sects such as Heavens Fortune Sect definitely had more than one secret method that could be used to promote to knights. Such top sects concentrated on teaching students in accordance with their aptitudes. Due to different gifts, abilities, advantageous resources, cultivation resources and support strength, disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect would cultivate different cultivation methods for sure.

The top cultivation method was the throne-level Heavens Covering Sutra. Under Heavens Covering Sutra, there were over 20 complete cultivation methods ranging from baron level to marquis level. Except for the duke-level cultivation method, Heavens Fortune Sect had collected all the cultivation methods on all levels. Ordinary disciples of Heavens Fortune Sect would be imparted with different cultivation methods through enlightenment optionally; however, top elites such as Feng Cangwu and Deyang Immortal of Heavens Fortune Sect were cultivating Heavens Covering Sutra.

Deyang Immortal promised Zhang Tie that his 3 sons could be

imparted with Heavens Fortune Sect through enlightenment in the future. Therefore, Zhang Tie became completely reassured.

Although King Roc Sutra was an emperor-level secret method, it was incomplete for the time being as Zhang Tie had not got the corresponding battle skills. Additionally, the cultivation of King Roc Sutra required a lot of resources. Zhang Tie could only slowly comprehend it himself. Without the help of Castle of Black Iron and the small tree, Zhang Tie didn't know that whether he could make such a great achievement.

At this critical moment, he preferred to have his 3 sons cultivate the complete throne-level Heavens Covering Sutra rather than imparting the incomplete emperor-level secret method to them at a high risk; because they could easily become outstanding and make a great achievement by cultivating the complete Heavens Covering Sutra .

Zhang Tie was never greedy; neither had he thought about dominating the world. In his opinion, ordinary people could barely enter Heavens Fortune Sect, not to mention cultivating a throne-level secret method. Therefore, he had been satisfied with that.

Emperor Xuanyuan was something; however, he was the only one among billions of people. At that supreme position, although he looked imposing, Emperor Xuanyuan's hardships might only be perceived by himself. Zhang Tie didn't pose such a high request towards his 3 sons. As a dad, Zhang Tie only hoped for his sons to be happy, healthy and grow into real men who dared shoulder their responsibilities instead of falling into a wrong path. If not the holy war and people could expand their longevity through cultivation, Zhang Tie even felt it was unnecessary for people to cultivate.

Heavens Fortune Sect was actually a super interest group. Thousands of clans, various industries were relevant about this sect, either large or small. Tens of billions of people might be involved due to interest. Of course, it was not just a lip service to

be the ally of such a sect. Zhang Tie had to provide actual interests to Heavens Fortune Sect so as to stabilize their cooperation.

Knights needed element crystals and golds; however, more commoners only needed golds instead of element crystals.

Super interest groups such as Heavens Fortune Sect also needed to make profits. The greater the interest group was, the more it needed money to maintain its operation and cohesive force. As long as commoners had demanded, they had to make money. Even knights couldn't only survive on element crystals.

Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked something about profits too; namely the expansion and selection of the sites of production base of all-purpose medicaments and high-power alcohol.

As all-purpose medicaments gradually became well-known across Taixia Country, its market demand also grew larger. As a result, the capacity of all-purpose medicaments in Jinwu City and Yanghe Prefecture couldn't meet the demand of the market anymore. Now, less than 100 million vials of all-purpose medicament could be produced in Jinwu City and Yanghe Prefecture in each year. Such a low supply was absolutely insufficient for the huge market in Taixia Country. The gap in the market was terrifyingly large.

Zhang Tie's return completely stabilized the foundation of Jinwu City and Zhang Clan. After that, Jinwu Business Group and Zhang Yang had been considering about building another production base of all-purpose medicament outside Youzhou Province so as to meet the increasingly larger market demand.

It symbolized that Jinwu Business Group started to enter a larger stage outside Youzhou Province after accumulating enough strength.

The all-purpose medicaments in the market were expensive. Besides being rare, it was mainly caused by the high transportation cost. Youzhou Province was basically in the northernmost part of Taixia Country. It would take a vial of all-purpose medicament at

least 2 months to arrive at Xuanyuan Hill from Youzhou Province even by airship. The farther it was, the longer the transportation process would be. Due to such a high transportation cost, its supply couldn't meet its demand.

According to Zhang Yang's plan, the first production base of all-purpose medicament that was founded outside Youzhou Province should produce at least 500 million vials of all-purpose medicaments annually. Given the size and population of Taixia Country, such an industrial base could only accomplish the basic production layout. Over 20 production bases with the same annual output should be founded across Taixia Country so as to meet the lowest demand in Taixia Country. After this step, Jinwu Business Group intended to build one production base in each province of Taixia Country so as to meet the demand of each province. Thirdly, they would consider building more production bases on the Western Continent and the other subcontinents which had civilized human countries.

By then, all the places that all-purpose medicaments could be seen and bought in the world would be covered by Zhang family's influence in Jinwu City. Such a layout was akin to the strategy which was adopted by some human petroleum interest groups who controlled petroleum resource and wanted to control the supply and demand of petroleum in the world before the Catastrophe. As long as a clan and a group could turn something under their control into the daily necessity of humans, they would have a greater power and influence.

Zhang Tie's return and the fact that he had promoted to an earth knight made Zhang Yang more ambitious about expanding the commercial empire of Jinwu Business Group by producing all-purpose medicaments outside Youzhou Province. This was the first step for them to build a commercial empire in the future.

At least now, Huaiyuan Palace and Zhang family in Jinwu City didn't have the ability, power or human resources to support the

layout of Zhang Yang's commercial empire. If they wanted to further expand their market, they had to choose an ally. Cooperation was the best and stablest way for them to realize that.

Heavens Fortune Sect was the ally that Zhang Tie selected. The new production base with an annual output of 500 million vials of all-purpose medicaments would be built in Xuanzhou Province where Heavens Fortune Sect was located in.

The above was what Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal had determined. As for the distribution of profits, shares of sales volume and sales channels, it was the matter of the managers of Heavens Fortune Sect and Jinwu Business Group...

Whatever, Zhang Tie didn't need to worry about the trick of burning the bridge after crossing as long as the production of all-purpose medicaments had to depend on his essential-energy aura yeast. As long as he would like to do that, he could ensure that none of the production bases could produce one vial of all-purpose medicament. This was Zhang Tie's trump card, the confidence of Jinwu Business Group on cooperating with the other forces and the eternal efficient means that Zhang family adopted to control the production and supply of all-purpose medicaments.

Chapter 1213: The New Layout (II)

Like the production of all-purpose medicaments, the output of the first phase of high-power alcohol in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was only 50 tons. It was like throwing the stone to clear the road. Zhang Tie needed time. He needed this production base to produce high-power alcohol as fast as possible. The main function of this production base of high-power alcohol could be used to display the high performance of this sort of alcohol.

As long as the high-power alcohol entered the market, such a low output might only meet the demand of a prefecture in Youzhou Province. Given the huge market in Taixia Country, the urgent demand for such useful items could definitely be anticipated in the future. Therefore, the second topic that Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal talked about was about the cooperation between Zhang family in Jinwu City and Heavens Fortune Sect. They wanted to build a larger production base of high-power alcohol in the territory of Heavens Fortune Sect.

The annual output of the new production base of high-power alcohol should be at least 10 million tons.

The production and layout of the large-scale industrial base was a professional learning, which required experts with professional backgrounds to be responsible for selecting a site, designing and optimizing assembly lines and the construction of corresponding railways or highways. Zhang Tie was not worried about these issues. Given the ability and resources of Heavens Fortune Sect, they could easily deal with such things. Zhang Tie just gave a drawing of raw materials fermentation tank that he had designed to Deyang Immortal, which was the core component of the entire production base of high-power alcohol. As long as the raw materials fermentation tank could produce high-power yeasts constantly, the base would be able to produce alcohol constantly.

If Heavens Fortune Sect was highly efficient, they could put this

base into use before this autumn harvest. By then, they could take advantage of a large number of straws.

As the catastrophe of bloody figures had spread over Taixia Country, the holy war was posing increasingly greater influence to Taixia Country. Nobody knew what would happen in Taixia Country half a year later. Although it was super fast for this high-power alcohol base to be put into use in half a year, both Zhang Tie and Deyang Immortal had a sense of urgency.

Now that Huaiyuan Palace could discover that Heavens Reaching Church might play tricks on grains supply, the Heavens Fortune Sect could discover it too. Zhang Tie had to admire the smartness of influential figures in Heavens Fortune Sect once again. According to Deyang Immortal, within the sphere of influence of Heavens Fortune Sect, the agricultural production and grains supply of all the clans being affiliated to Heavens Fortune Sect were always manipulated by the business groups of Heavens Fortune Sect. Heavens Fortune Sect had been preventing from foreign grains like preventing from thieves; especially the flow-in of foreign grains. As Gold and Power Law was a "black hand" for imperial households of Taixia Country to involve in the affairs about the other 6 top sects in Taixia country, Heavens Fortune Sect had to prevent Gold and Power Law and the Agricultural Ministry from penetrating in grains production within their sphere of influence. Therefore, although the clans of Heavens Reaching Church could have their grains and grain seeds circulate across Taixia Country, they could barely have their grains and grain seeds penetrate into the sphere of influence of Heavens Fortune Sect.

Actually, besides Heavens Fortune Sect, all the other 5 top sects were also preventing the imperial court and the agricultural ministry of Taixia Country from involving in the grains supply within their sphere of influence. They would never put the vital industry of grains production in the hand of others.

This might be the only good news that Zhang Tie had heard over these years.

Zhang Tie was not sure which step would the overall situation of Taixia Country evolve to, better or worse. If a grain crisis broke out on a large scale in Taixia Country, grains would be the most important resource. By then, the imperial court of Taixia Country would be afflicted by the deteriorated overall situation. By contrast, the top 6 clans of Taixia Country had numerous grains. How would the imperial court maintain balance with the 6 top sects by then? As long as this equilibrium was broken, the chips and strengths of both parties would be reversed. Taixia Court would not be able to suppress the other 6 top sects by then. What would happen then?

The moment Zhang Tie thought about the above problem, he would be faintly worried.

'I'm definitely not the only person who could see this step and have such a concern.' Zhang Tie thought. Why didn't Commander Cheng of Northeast Military Region attend Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony? Because Commander Cheng had been making an inspection across Northeast Military Region; especially the major grain producing areas and urging all the provinces within his territory to accomplish the spring plowing of grains. As a result, those agricultural officials in Northeast Military Region were in a general turmoil.

Over the past 2 decades, it was the first time for Commander Cheng to care about grains production within the Northeast Military Region.

As the commander of Northeast Military Region, he must have been noticed by Xuanyuan Hill about something.

As a countermeasure, Zhang Tie's family also spent millions of gold coins in expanding irrigation works, reclaiming fertile farmland and founding villages around Jinwu City.

Over these years, they had reclaimed about 1400 million square meters' land around Jinwu City. This year, the total area of the arable land near Jinwu City would reach 2100 million square meters.

Zhang Tie stealthily spread a lot of No.1 earthworms in the arable land near Yanghe Prefecture and Jinwu City. Besides, he handed a batch of mutated quality soya beans, rice, wheat to Zhang Yang and told him to have people sow them all this year.

Besides establishing cooperation with Heavens Fortune Sect, Zhang Tie also made secret talks with the representatives of Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court and reconciled with them.

Interestingly enough, both Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court extended the olive branches to Zhang Tie once again.

Gold and Power Law invited Zhang Tie to join them once again by providing the title of bright golden dragon head to him. The Supreme Court provided Zhang Tie with the title of procurator in chief, with which, Zhang Tie could manage all the Buildings of Brightness and all the bounty criminal hunters across Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie declined all the invitations of Gold and Power Law and Supreme Court politely.

After the real identity of Han Zhengfang was exposed to the public, the position of Gold and Power Law almost dropped out of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country as it was suffering from condemnations from all parties. During the past 2 months, Zhang Tie learned that the top 6 sects had assigned elders to hold two conferences; however, Gold and Power Law was excluded from both conferences. This could never be possible a few years ago. However, now, it became possible. Gold and Power Law was pushed aside by the other top 6 sects of Taixia Country. That was to say, the other top 6 sects might elbow Gold and Power Law out of the name-list of the top 7 sects of Taixia Country. Zhang Tie had

been betrayed by Gold and Power Law, if he agreed to join Gold and Power Law which was squeezed out by the other top 6 sects, Zhang Tie must be muddle-headed.

'What's bright golden dragon head? Is that cooler than being a boss?'

Although Zhang Tie declined the invitation of Gold and Power Law, he still recommended his elder brother Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law. It was still very profitable for Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law if it was regarded as a pure commercial alliance or commercial guild. Whereas, as Emperor Xuanyuan was too arrogant and urged to found a sect which was on equal footing with the other top 6 sects of Taixia Country, Gold and Power Law became neither fish nor fowl. Commercially, it was profitable for Zhang Yang to join Gold and Power Law as the boss of Jinwu Business Group.

When the representatives of Gold and Power Law left Youzhou Province, Zhang Tie's elder brother Zhang Yang had become the bright gold manager of Gold and Power Law, which granted him with one more halos.

Gold and Power Law was very satisfied with such a result too. Whatever, it was Zhang Tie's elder brother who joined Gold and Power Law. From another perspective, it indicated that Zhang family had agreed to reconcile with Gold and Power Law. Powerful organizations such as Gold and Power Law preferred to have people such as Zhang Yang who was a businessman and had knights and powerful forces on his back; because the purer the businessman was, the more he would understand the value and power of gold coins and the more he would be able to integrate with Gold and Power Law. This was also the doctrine of Gold and Power Law.

From a perspective, the fact that Zhang Yang joined Gold and Power Law indicated the balance between Zhang family in Jinwu City, the imperial court and the other top 6 sects in Taixia

Country.

Besides, Zhang Tie asked Donder to leave Gold and Power Law and join him.

Both Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Iron-Dragon Sect required a reliable person who was proficient in economy, management and could get along well with all parties. Zhang Tie considered it carefully as he found that Donder was the most suitable person.

Of course, Gold and Power Law agreed on letting Donder join Zhang Tie's Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Zhang Tie let Donder be his general steward of Iron-Dragon Sect. With that title, Donder had a great power. In one word, Donder was entitled to care about the daily necessities, the taxation and management of 10 cities being affiliated to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and the management and development of millions of square miles under the name of Zhang Tie. Even Donder had not imagined that he could have such a day and such a great power. If Zhang Tie's territory was regarded as a small country in a subcontinent, Donder's title was equal to the prime minister of that small country.

Zhang Su, who was Zhang Tie's cousin, also joined Zhang Tie.

To be honest, Zhang Su had the best cultivation gift among Zhang Tie's peers. Actually, Zhang Su's cultivation gift was even greater than that of Zhang Tie and Zhang Yang; additionally, Zhang Su was wise, courageous and brave to shoulder responsibilities. Of course, Zhang Tie would keep such a good cousin on his side.

Zhang Tie felt that his family should have some more knights. His cousin Zhang Su should be one of the most promising people for promoting to knights in Zhang family...

The greater Zhang Tie's layout was, the more helpers would he

need...

Chapter 1214: The New Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory

In the process of heading for Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie and a lot of people were sitting or standing around a long table in a large luxurious lounge on the top of the airboat while drinking and talking about a map on the table.

The map was sent by the land resources administer of Northeast Military Region before the airboat left Jinwu City today along with a lot of documents and contracts about the ownership of the land in Youzhou Province.

This time, the official efficiency was pretty high. After confirming that Zhang Tie was Cui Li, all the formalities had been dealt with in less than a week; additionally, the land resources administer of Northeast Military Region sent them to Zhang Tie himself.

Zhang Tie's land in Youzhou Province was composed of 4 parts: first, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, which was rewarded by the imperial court of Taixia Country; second, the rest part of Yangui Mountain Range which was gifted by Guan Clan after he won the bet with Guan Qianchong; third, Zanggu Plateau in the north of Youzhou Province that he bought; fourth, 1.2 million square miles' land that was gifted by Gold and Power Law in this rotating chakra ceremony.

On the map, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was connected with Yangui Mountain Range; Zanggu Plateau was over 1,200 km away in the north of Yangui Mountain Range, which was a barren land. However, the land gifted by Gold and Power Law was right in between Yangui Mountain Range and Zanggu Plateau. As a result, Zhang Tie's private land in Youzhou Province became one piece.

Given this point, Gold and Power Law had carefully selected the gift for Zhang Tie. Based on the relationship between Gold and

Power Law and the imperial court of Taixia Country, it was as easy as winking for the former to look up the private land of Zhang Tie in Youzhou Province. When Gold and Power Law saw the open land between Zhang Tie's two pieces of land, of course, they selected the open land as their sincerest gift.

Zhang Tie marked his private land in Youzhou Province red on the map.

It was an irregular half-moon shaped region. The upper part of the region was Zanggu Plateau, which had the highest terrain; the middle part of the region was gifted by Gold and Power Law, which was mainly plain; the lower part of the region was Yangui Mountain Range.

This red region on the official map of Northeast Military Region covered about 5.35 million square miles, which was much larger than 5 million square miles as was imagined by Zhang Tie. There were two reasons for this: first, 1.4 million square miles' land that Gold and Power Law's representatives reported on the spot of Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony was only to correspond to the quantities of the other gifts in the list of presents. Actually, such a large area of land had to be divided according to the topographic features such as mountains and rivers within the territory. Therefore, it was hard to get an integer. In fact, Gold and Power Law gifted him 1.35 million square miles' land; second, the precise land areas of Zanggu Plateau and Yangui Mountain Range were slightly greater than that estimated by Zhang Tie.

According to Zhang Tie's request, the total 6.25 million square miles' land area was called Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

"I remember that there were large batches of green unpopulated areas within the territory of Youzhou Province 5 years ago. It's really out of my imagination that most of such regions have disappeared..." Zhang Tie let out a sigh with emotion.

Since this map was taken out, Zhang Tie had been standing

beside the table and watching this map seriously. He felt a bit thrilled and satisfied as if he was watching the building structure plan of a house or a villa like how commoners usually did. The red region on the map belonged to him as his foundation in Taixia Country.

Zhang Tie was very happy. The lounge was in a relaxing atmosphere too.

Zhang Tie was really good at getting along well with people from all walks of life. There were royal highness and princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, able apprentices of top 7 sects of Taixia Country, a couple of knights who had founded a sect in Taixia Country, managers who had experienced hardships since they were young like Donder and Zhang Tie's elder male cousin. As Zhang Tie's friends, all of them could get along well with each other easily. Zhang Tie treated all of them on equal terms. None of them felt uneasy on Zhang Tie's side; therefore, Zhang Tie became the core figure of this circle unconsciously.

Zhang Su and Donder integrated into this circle a few days ago. In the beginning, they were still a bit restrained. Whatever, all the others in this circle were knights. After staying with the others for 2 days, Zhang Su and Donder didn't feel restrained any longer; they could even chat with Bai Suxian and her elder brother after having a drink.

"Youzhou is a lower province which has just been established. As long as it is pacified, land resource in Youzhou Province could be easily sold out. Additionally, the earlier, the cheaper. Those major clans within Northeast Military Region which come to Youzhou Province for development bring a great demand for land. As it is in the holy war, these major clans would not put all the eggs in one basket. Look at the territories of those provincial governor's clans within Northeast Military Region on the map. All of them have bought land in Youzhou Province. Actually, major clans in Taixia Country are growing up step by step in this way. Not only the

major clans within Northeast Military Region, even the land of local major clans in Youzhou Province such as Gu Clan in Eastriver Prefecture, Lu Clan in Spiritualmaple Prefecture, Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture, Yan Clan of Sunny Prefecture, Liu Clan of Changshan Prefecture, Ximen Clan of Xingbei Prefecture and Sun Clan of Guide Prefecture have expanded greatly respectively. Gu Clan and Lu Clan expanded their land mostly, followed by Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture. The total land area of Eastriver Prefecture and Spiritualmaple Prefecture almost reaches 1.8 million square miles; the land area of Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture also reaches about 1.2 million square miles and connects with Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory...by contrast, Huaiyuan Palace doesn't expand land too much over these years..."

After Zhang Tie finished his words, Donder wagged his head as he drunk the early sunshine after the small snow; meanwhile, he pointed at the map and said,

"Mountain Lifting Hermit nodded on one side as he also took a glass of early sunshine after the small snow ."

When the alcohol entered the mouth, it tasted sweet and cold; however, its strength was lasting, deep and unique like taking sunshine and snow which further turned into plum blossoms and brought the drinker a warm feeling. Only after having two glasses of early sunshine after the small snow, Donder and Mountain Lifting Hermit had blushed while the air that they exhaled carried the chilly fragrance of plum blossoms.

Early Sunshine after the small snow was produced in White Deer Building on the top of Long Dragon Mountain outside Youzhou City. It was said that the brewing method was utterly different than that of common liquors. The water of this liquor came from the annually first drops of snow water on plum petals of Long Dragon Mountain. Therefore, White Deer Building could only build less than 100 jars of early sunshine after the small snow each year. In Youzhou Province, even Zhang Taixuan couldn't drink it

as long as he wanted. In Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony, White Deer Building sent Zhang family 30 jars of 10-year elder early sunshine after the small snow . These days, those guys who liked drinking had taken the greater part of these liquor. Feng Cangwu and Bai Suxian's elder brother drank most, followed by Lu Zhongming and Donder. Mountain Lifting Hermit and Zhang Su ranked third; Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi's drinking capacity were ordinary. By contrast, Zhang Tie ranked last.

On the map, Zhang Tie's Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was originally neighbored that of Li Clan of Miyun Prefecture; now, the private land of Guo Clan of Threespring Prefecture closely neighbored the land which was gifted by Gold and Power Law.

The Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory covering about 5.35 million square miles had been the largest private land in Youzhou Province, which was even larger than the total land area of Gu Clan and Lu Clan.

When it came to Threespring Prefecture, Zhang Tie recalled how Guo Hongyi turned around and looked at him after the rotating chakra ceremony came to an end that day.

Zhang Tie felt that Guo Hongyi would never leave if he invited her to stay that day. However, Zhang Tie didn't; neither did he say anything. Guo Hongyi's gloomy eyes made Zhang Tie's heart pound at that moment.

Watching the border area between Threespring Prefecture and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie stroked his jaw as he thought, 'Is that God's will? Otherwise, why would the land which was gifted by Gold and Power Law neighbor Threespring Prefecture? I hope nothing would happen; otherwise, it would be boisterous on my side. '

Zhang Tie could always sense an invisible sense of gunpowder between Bai Suxian and Guo Hongyi after they met in the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect. If the two female knights were both

on his side, Zhang Tie would be giddy for sure.

Zhang Tie turned around and threw a glance at Bai Suxian who was sitting on his side. Coincidentally, Bai Suxian threw a glance at him at the same time.

"Are you missing that woman?" Bai Suxian asked in a secret way.

'F*ck, woman's intuition is too terrifying.'

Of course, Zhang Tie denied it. He couldn't pretend to be muddle-headed as he replied in a secret way too, "Which woman? Didn't I stay with you at home these days?"

"Harrumph, liar, I saw you ogling at each other on your rotating chakra ceremony..." Bai Suxian replied out of jealousy.

"You're thinking too much..." Zhang Tie replied with a solemn look.

"Hahaha, young brother Zhang Tie and young sister Suxian are really intimate. You're talking romantic words even at this moment..." Lu Zhongming burst out into laughter as he discovered that Zhang Tie was talking with Bai Suxian secretly. As a result, Bai Suxian became a bit embarrassed.

However, Zhang Tie burst out into laughter too, "Haha, women are hard to convince, not to mention a female knight. As I'm a junior on this aspect, I have to learn from Elder brother Lu. You and elder sister Lin are really immortal couples!"

Lu Zhongming burst out into laughter; however, Lin Huanxi blushed as she said, "How could you say such words as an earth knight?"

"Well, it's my fault, men are hard to convince, not to mention male knights. It's not Elder brother Lu who convinces you, but it's you who convinces Elder brother Lu. How about that?" Zhang Tie put up his hands at once, making Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi laugh at the same time.

Bai Suxian's elder brother had been a bit drunk who was leaning against a long couch in the lounge and killing time with Zhang Su by playing the game of go. They were on even. On the checkerboard, they were really well-matched. Zhang Tie's Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory was indeed very large; however, in the eyes of the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he was really not excited about Zhang Tie's private land which was even smaller than 6 million square miles. Therefore, he didn't feel like looking at the map. Among the borderless region in the south border of Taixia Country, any mountain cave, a mountain peak or a mountain range under the rule of the king of beasts would be much greater than his land.

After boarding the airboat and drinking a half jar of early sunshine after the small snow, Feng Cangwu had been sleeping soundly on the soft bed on the other side of the lounge. It was said that it was a bizarre cultivation method of Heavens Fortune Sect, which was really admiring.

The atmosphere was tranquil in the lounge. All of a sudden, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion turned around and looked at Zhang Tie before saying, "You said you wanted to broaden our horizon in Iron-Dragon Sect, what on the earth do you want to show us?"

"Haha, you will know when you arrive there. Elder brother, you can bring back some souvenirs to the south border of Taixia Country. It's good if the corps in the south border could use it; if they don't need it, elder brother, just take it as a business!"

Zhang Tie didn't put on his airs. As for these men who were treated as friends by him including royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he would call them elder brother regardless of their cultivation base as long as they were evidently elder than him. These men also liked that. Only after a few days, they had been used to that.

After hearing that Zhang Tie wanted to gift him a business, the

royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion burst into laughter as he asked while being a bit drunk, "Do you want to gift me the business of all-purpose medicament in the south border? It's a big business. We can talk about it carefully. I will not have you suffer a loss. Except for this business, I'm really not interested in those businesses that could only make millions of gold coins a year. Although I have to feed a lot of subordinates and over 10 corps which means a great consumption per year, if the business that I'm involved in couldn't bring me a big profit, I would lose my face in the south border of Taixia Country; someone would think that I have poor insight and ability. If so, I'm afraid that some brothers would think that I'm not qualified to be the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion..."

"The business of millions of gold coins is indeed too small. It's not about all-purpose medicament. Elder brother, you've already seen how we produce all-purpose medicament in Jinwu City..." Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "Based on the power of Lord Guangnan's Mansion in the south border, if elder brother really wants to do this business, you could easily make hundreds of millions of gold coins a year. So could elder brother Lu and elder sister Lin. You couldn't sustain Minling Swordsmanship Sect without money. You won't live well only by the annual tributes of your disciples and the land rent. Therefore, I called elder brother Lu here to see whether you would like to do this business in Guzhou Province. If you feel you could, we can make fortunes together..."

Chapter 1215: Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks

The route from Jinwu City to Iron-Dragon Sect of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory crossed the entire Youzhou Province horizontally. The entire distance was over 6,000 mile. Zhang Tie's group left Jinwu City on the morning of February 6th. After one day's relaxed flight, the airboat arrived at the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect soon after the dark fell at over 7 pm when they just finished their supper.

Since the opening ceremony of Iron-Dragon Sect last August 18th, it had been almost half a year. After almost half a year's rapid construction, the main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Peaks had manifested its grand look.

After hearing that they had arrived at the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect, the crew came to the movable deck of the airboat and watched the landscape below.

Xuantian Eighteen Peaks were in Yangui Mountain Range which was over 120 miles away in the south of Xuantian City. The dragon head of the entire Yangui Mountain Range was over there. Xuantian Eighteen Peaks had grotesque and elegant sceneries. Before Youzhou was promoted to an established lower province, Xuantian Eighteen Peaks were a scenic spot in Yangui Mountain Range within Northeast Military Region. After making an investigation in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie determined to build Iron-Dragon Sect over there.

The main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Peaks was Xuantian Peak. Looking from above, there were continuous buildings from the foot to the top of Xuantian Peak, including grounds, pavilions, audience halls, protective fortresses, galleries, terraces, mountain passes and stone steps, which formed an organic entity. As the dark fell, the lamplight inside these buildings extended all the way

from the foot to the top of the main peak as if a shiny long dragon spiraled up from the top of the mountain, making it pretty fascinating...

Besides the main peak, there was also some lamplight on Immortals Gathering Peak, whose lamplight and buildings were much fewer than that of the main peak.

Being not far from the Immortals Gathering Peak, there was another mountain peak. Looking from afar, a lot of airships were hovering above that mountain peak. Although it was already dark, a great number of craftsmen were still working on that mountain peak by building houses with courtyards and pavilions.

When the airboat approached Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, it slowed down.

As the founder of Iron-Dragon Sect, it was his first time to see Iron-Dragon Sect's site after half a year.

Standing on the deck of the airboat and watching the brilliant lamplight in the distance, Zhang Tie became thrilled more or less and felt complex inside.

It was his Iron-Dragon Sect, also his foundation in Taixia Country. Hua people always persisted that men became independent at the age of 30 years. At 30, Zhang Tie finally could have his own undertaking in Youzhou Province. Although the Sacred Iceland Kingdom was good, Zhang Tie always felt estranged by ruling those Slavs in disguise as Hua; neither did he feel having a strong sense of belongingness. Additionally, his identity as Tsar meant responsibilities and works rather than power and reputation for Zhang Tie. Only when he founded his undertaking in Taixia Country where his family members and the other Hua people lived could he have a sense of belongingness and become not that fickle.

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"When I visit Immortals Gathering Peak by foot, I see continuous clouds in the depth of sunglow.

Sunglow is still far away when the sun reaches the top of the mountain peak; cranes return in flocks when the moonlight is thrown on the pines.

Soon after I saw a dragon rising above the Hua buildings, I see phoenixes hovering in the crystal river.

As my heart integrates with the grotesque scenery of Yangui Mountain, I'm shocked by the grotesque mountain peaks that reach the sky.

Beyond the boundless grasses, woods and sunny clouds, there are looming phoenixes.

The twittering Cuiping birds on the banks must be calling their friends to drink the immortal spring water."

After drinking up the last bit of liquor on the airboat, Feng Cangwu looked at the lamplight at the foot of the mountain while leaning against the handrail; meanwhile, he couldn't stand reciting the poem about Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks written by an ancient poet, which matched Feng Cangwu's romantic temperament pretty well.

"Haha, this ancient poem is really nice. Besides describing the landscape, it mentions all the names of the 18 mountain peaks. What's more, all the lines are close to nature, unlike having been processed at all..." Lu Zhongming replied with a smile too, "Xuantian Peak, Immortals Gathering Peak, Morningclouds Peak, Sunrise Peak, Distant Sunglow Peak, Moonlight Peak, Pines Peak, Cranes Gathering Peak, Rising Dragon Peak, Hua Buildings Peak, Hovering Phoenixes Peak, Crystal River Peak, Towering Sky Peak, Boundless Peak, Deep Clouds Peak, Looming Peak, Cuiping Peak and Immortal Spring Peak. I've heard the names of the Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks when in Guzhou Province. At the sight of them, I find they're really magnificent, forbidding and

immortal..."

"What men of letters! When they saw knights flying in the sky, they thought they saw immortals; when they heard birds twittering, they thought birds were calling friends to drink immortal spring water. 1 million poets couldn't defeat a knight; however, their natural dictions could never be matched by us!" Mountain Lifting Hermit shook his head.

"Hahaha, each one has his strong points; each one has his strong points. If we just fought demons on the billions square miles' land in Taixia Country, it would be similar to drawing on a board with just one color. That would be monotonous. These poets make the world more splendid..." Bai Zhengnan, Bai Suxian's elder brother, laughed as he added, "Zhang Tie really selects a good place!"

After hearing Bai Zhengnan's words, they all looked at Zhang Tie. At this moment, they found that Zhang Tie looked a bit strange while looking at the nearby Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was indeed thinking about something else. Since he saw Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and the site of Iron-Dragon Sect, he had recalled what Donder told him in the grocery in Blackhot City.

"Hua people persist that kind-hearted people don't enter politics; merciful people don't master military power; righteous people don't do business. Zhang Tie, you're too kind-hearted and always stick to principles; you could barely have a great achievement in politics, military or business. If you do a small business, you could only be a small boss at my age. Unless you're favored by the God, you could barely make any further progress. I find you're enthusiastic about the guests and always introduce our commodities to them carefully. You're too talkative. With this temperament, you might live a comfortable life as a teacher at school; otherwise, you might have a bright future by being a jerk priest in Sun Dynasty..."

This was Donder's comment on Zhang Tie before he gained Castle of Black Iron. Zhang Tie admitted that Donder has a sharp judgment. Over these years, Zhang Tie had done business; served the army and ruled Hurricane Corps; he had also served as Youzhou Provincial judge for a few days; however, none of the above jobs lasted.

It was really a bit strange. He should make money when doing business; however, when he helped Donder mind the grocery and helped his family sell rice brew, it was his poorest period; he even grudged to spend one copper coin. Therefore, Donder said Zhang Tie was not suitable to do business.

In Donder's words, if a person whose sales volume was at least 1 gold coin a day when he had the right to sell the commodities couldn't even afford cheese and bread which were worth over 10 copper coins, he was humiliating the word "businessman".

When Zhang Tie served the army, he was almost killed; when he ruled Hurricane Corps, he stayed to deal with demonized puppets and preferred to return to Taixia Country alone.

Although Zhang Tie had served as the chief justice of Youzhou Province, he resigned as he couldn't stand the intrigues and mutual attacks between different parties.

Zhang Tie didn't learn too much from his experiences in business, military and politics. He only received some lessons on how to survive himself.

Today, Donder's judgment on Zhang Tie had come true step by step. Zhang Tie's largest achievement really came from other aspects except for politics, military and commerce.

——After pretending to be a jerk priest, he founded the Sacred Iceland Kingdom and built Ancient God Church.

——After becoming a "master", he opened Iron-Dragon Sect and enrolled a lot of disciples and laid his foundation in Taixia

Country.

Zhang Tie always felt being much more comfortable and pleasant by pretending to be a jerk priest and a "master" than his former experiences. "Jerk priest" and "master" had many common places. If jerk priests could forget about their doctrines and beliefs, most of them could be masters. If masters advocated beliefs, masters became jerk priests.

Watching the mountain gate of Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie figured out these laws at once as he had a bizarre feeling, 'Will I really act as a master in Iron-Dragon Sect and a jerk priest in the Sacred Iceland Kingdom at the same time?'

'Donder really became a "prophet"!'

"What's wrong with you?" Bai Suxian asked Zhang Tie out of concern which woke Zhang Tie up.

Zhang Tie glanced around the surrounding people before revealing a smile to Donder, "I've just remembered what you told me in Blackhot City. You hit that. I really don't have a bright future in business, politics and military. I cannot match my elder brother in commerce; when in politics, I was almost screwed to death as Gobbling Party and Heavens Reaching Church both hated me too much; I have no interest in ruling army. I'm afraid that I could only make fool of some disciples in the rest of my life. I feel comfortable doing that too!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Donder became stunned. Closely after that, he remembered what he told Zhang Tie. He then threw a deep glance at Zhang Tie with a bizarre expression, "When a master reaches a realm, his sect would be like the top 6 sects in Taixia Country. By then, a sect would be like an immortal dynasty. You will get whatever you want. A lot of people would serve you in commerce, politics and military. No need to admire others..."

Gold and Power Law didn't develop through the relationship between master and disciples, its type of organization was utterly

different than ordinary sects; therefore, Donder didn't include Gold and Power Law in his words.

Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "The objective of top 6 sects is too far away. I'm not that ambitious. Actually, by establishing Iron-Dragon Sect, I just hope that we will not be bullied by others as we don't want to bully others. At least I'm not free; by the way, I could have those people surrounding us live better lives. Moreover, we could contribute to the humans in the holy war."

After hearing Zhang Tie's explanation, all the others exchanged a glance with each other as they started to laugh with a different expression. Some of them shook their heads; the others nodded. If it was told by others, they might not believe that; however, after staying with Zhang Tie for so many days, they felt that Zhang Tie didn't tell them a lie; especially Bai Zhengnan. Zhang Tie could easily be satisfied. Like the immortal bloodline and secret methods that Zhang Tie exposed in this rotating chakra ceremony, he just exposed them so as to shock those who wanted to bully him, his family members, relatives and the others. If being ambitious, Zhang Tie would barely expose such secrets to the public; instead, he would have done a lot of evil things for his targets.

When Zhang Tie talked, the airboat had already arrived at the hillside of Xuantian Peak, the main peak of Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and slowly landed on it. There was a large-scale step-style airport covering about 1.8 square miles. A lot of people were waiting for it at the airport.

After the airboat landed on it, the hatch door was opened when Zhang Tie walked out of the airboat.

At the sight of Zhang Tie, Lu Yishan, the boss of Threerocks Building Business Group in Dashang City of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory had bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie, followed by a lot of people, "Master, Lu Yishan and my subordinates have long been waiting for you!"

Zhang Tie glanced around the new airport and those well-proportioned buildings on Xuantian Peak in the far before nodding inside. He felt that he had chosen the right person. 'It seems that Lu Clan is indeed suitable to be responsible for the construction of Iron-Dragon Sect.'

All the buildings on Xuantian Peak had preserved the beautiful natural scenery to the most extent. Artificial buildings could unite with nature in a perfect and harmonious way. Even though Zhang Tie didn't know architecture, he knew that all the buildings here had been delicately designed by masters. No wonder his disciples always spoke highly of the buildings in Iron-Dragon Sect in front of him after his rotating chakra ceremony. Even Mountain Lifting Hermit felt it was not bad.

"It's fine. Thanks to your hard work over the past half a year. Lu Clan indeed has not disappointed me!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Lu Yishan became relaxed at once as he replied, "It's, it's my responsibility. It's Lu Clan's honor to serve the master. The first phase of the project on Xuantian Peak have been completed. The entire Xuantian Peak could hold over 3,000 people; all the main halls, the residences of master and elders, the living areas of master and your direct disciples and all the supporting facilities of the first phase have been completed!"

"According to your plan, how many people could be held in Xuantian Peak at most?"

"We've just completed the first phase of Xuantian Peak. If you need, new courtyards and buildings could be added in many places from the foot to the top of Xuantian Peak. The entire Xuantian Peak could almost hold 50,000 people. Xuantian Peak could hold about 80,000 people if your disciples and servants squeeze up!"

"Not bad!" Zhang Tie nodded as he glanced around those typical buildings with rich Hua features on Xuantian Peak from the foot to the top of the peak. After that, he said, "Just hold 50,000 people

according to the plan. No need to squeeze up here. According to the current scale of Iron-Dragon Sect, the scale of the first phase is acceptable. As for the other buildings and facilities, step by step!"

"Yes! Master, do you want to make an inspection now?"

"No need, we've already carefully seen these facilities and buildings on Xuantian Peak on the airboat. How about the projects in Immortals Gathering Peak and Pines Peak?"

Lu Yishan peeped at Bai Suxian stealthily before saying carefully, "Erm...Princess Bai's subordinates are responsible for the construction of Immortals Gathering Peak; Threerocks Building Business Group is only responsible for giving a favor to Princess's subordinates or providing some raw materials for them. Elder Gan selected Pines Peak as his base a few days ago. We're building the mountain passes from Pines Peak to Xuantian Peak. Besides, we're leveling the ground on Pines Peak. We've already drawn the maps and are waiting for Elder Gan's decision..."

After hearing that, Zhang Tie knew that Bai Suxian's subordinates had already contracted the project on Immortals Gathering Peak. Of course, Lu Yishan dared not go against those people from Lord Guangnan's Mansion; therefore, he couldn't be involved in the construction of Immortals Gathering Peak. Needless to say, Immortals Gathering Peak was selected by Bai Suxian as her base. There were two reasons: first, it was close to Xuantian Peak; second, its name carried the word "immortal". The moment Bai Suxian saw its name, she had felt that she was predestined to have it. Therefore, she selected Immortals Gathering Peak as her base in Iron-Dragon Sect.

Mountain Lifting Hermit's secular name was Gan Yanlai; his official name was called by outsiders; however, inside Iron-Dragon Sect, they all called Mountain Lifting Hermit Elder Gan. Being similar to Elder Qingfeng in Heavens Fortune Sect, the words "Qingfeng" was the honorific title of Deyang Immortal inside Heavens Fortune Sect; however, outsiders called him Deyang

Immortal.

Chapter 1216: A Sharp Weapon

That earth knight who came to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory with Bai Suxian last year had already left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for the south border of Taixia Country when Bai Suxian and Zhang Tie returned to Youzhou Province. However, Bai Suxian's subordinates stayed in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. A part of her subordinates stayed in Immortals Gathering Peak to serve Bai Suxian; the rest part built manors, workshops and farms in the hills and basins at the foot of Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks and formed the first spontaneous town within the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect. Her subordinates included a great number of able workers who also became the first batch of people who relied on Iron-Dragon Sect.

Any sect of Taixia Country included master, disciples, elders and a lot of producers and servants. Take Taiyi Fantasy Sect and Heavens Fortune Sect as an instance, they could almost produce everything and get involved in all aspects. The sects in Taixia Country were super armored interest groups in terms of interests, secret methods inheritance and bloodlines. The masters were the heads of these super armored interest groups.

Such groups had strong vitalities as they had lasted thousands of years. In the era of science and technology before the Catastrophe, due to various reasons, sects were sluggish in a period; however, they didn't disappear. After the Catastrophe, the sects in Taixia Country won their vigorous development once again.

The Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks of Iron-Dragon Sect covered over 6,000 square miles. Besides Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, there was a large area of basins, hills, slopes, even abundant water resource at the foot of the mountain. Zhang Tie targeted at building a unique Class A city within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory based on Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks in Northeast Military Region.

Rome was not built in one day. Besides money, population and attraction counted most for running a Class A city. Zhang Tie was not anxious about that. Whatever, the Xuantian Peak of Iron-Dragon Sect had been established. Iron-Dragon Sect finally had a glorious face. As for the others, step by step. Zhang Tie was confident to meet this objective as Iron-Dragon Sect gradually grew prosperous.

After getting off the airboat and having a short talk with Lu Yishan, Zhang Tie had led Bai Suxian, Bai Zhengnan, Mountain Lifting Hermit and Donder to a warehouse which was not far away from the airport.

Zhang Tie knew what they were interested in. Therefore, he didn't tantalize them. They indeed didn't need to wait until tomorrow.

On the way, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were evidently interested in the mountain peaks that Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit had in Iron-Dragon Sect as they kept inquiring Bai Suxian and Mountain Lifting Hermit about the situation inside Iron-Dragon Sect.

"Actually, his identity of the master is just relative to those disciples in Iron-Dragon Sect. You've already seen that. In the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect, he just treats me and Mountain Lifting Hermit as his friends like how he did when we organized a team in the Earth-elements Realm. The difference was that he became our team leader this time. We've already reached an agreement. Within the territory of Iron-Dragon Sect, as long as we don't violate the rules and regulations of the sect, he, the master of this sect would not interfere with the internal affairs of each mountain peak. We could enroll disciples when we want; if we don't want to enroll disciples, we could be hermits on our own mountain peaks!"

After hearing Bai Suxian's explanation, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi threw a glance at each other silently.

Only after a short while, Zhang Tie had led them to the front of a closed warehouse, which was made of a steel structure. Being covered with blue corrugated steel tiles, the warehouse looked very firm. The gate of the warehouse was tightly closed. The open airport was on the opposite of the gate.

"What's inside here? Would it be an airship? But it's a bit low for airship!" Donder said curiously as he looked up at the height of the gate.

All the others then looked at Zhang Tie out of doubt.

Zhang Tie revealed a smile towards them before saying, "You will know it!"

As for Zhang Tie, although there was a gate in between, he could still see clearly what were inside the warehouse.

Zhang Tie had people carry that thing into this warehouse by airship on the 2nd day after the rotating chakra ceremony. Besides, Zhang Tie, even his disciples and Mountain Lifting Hermit had not seen it.

When he replied, Zhang Tie clapped his hands. Closely after that, the gate was opened. Zhang Tie entered it at once, followed by all the others out of great curiosity.

The inside of the warehouse was brightly lit by crystal lens fluorite lamps. Right in the warehouse, there were three huge odd-looking objects being covered with cloths.

Under the gaze of everyone else, Zhang Tie walked over there and forcefully jerked off one piece of cloth from the huge object, exposing a silvery odd-looking aircraft which was over 4 m in height, over 9 m in length and over 11 m in wingspan.

Under the lamplight, the entire aircraft was like a fabulous, brilliant artifact being covered with halos.

Besides Zhang Tie, all the other 100-odd people were stunned including Feng Cangwu and Zhang Tie's disciples.

"This is a glider...ah, no...glider is much smaller. Additionally, there's no propeller in front of a glider...is it an antique that you collected? But...how...how could it be so new?" Bai Suxian's elder brother responded to it at once. No matter what, most of the people of this age were familiar with airships and gliders. Those who could contact airship troops must have seen the real airships and gliders. However, for those people who understood the history, science and technology of humans before the catastrophe, they could immediately discover that it was similar to a propeller-driven airplane before the Catastrophe.

There was no propeller-driven airplane in this age anymore because of the exhaustion of fossil energy before the Catastrophe. In this age, only airships were driven by steam; the coal-fueled airplane had not been invented although many people were studying about it over the past hundreds of years. It was destined to be a distant dream. Efficiency, weight, volume of the steam engine and coal weight couldn't correspond to the maximal takeoff weight that it could output. Even though all the rest weight except for that of the steam engine and coal was zero, such an airplane couldn't fly off either.

Someone claimed that nobody in this age could invent the airplane anymore.

Almost everybody believed in that humans could only build three kinds of aircraft in this age, namely, glider, airship and airboat. Strictly, glider was not an aircraft.

However, it was a real airplane in front of them.

This airplane had a two-seat cabin. Behind that water-drop shaped cockpit, there was a steam crossbow which could flexibly change its direction.

As they were all attracted by this airplane, none of them noticed the 10-odd 1 m-higher thick green iron pails at a corner.

When the others were wondering about this model of airplane,

Zhang Tie had already seen through this airplane. As the best and most experienced glider pilot, Zhang Tie was clear about the flight principles and operation skills of aircraft. Additionally, as the dual-drive engine of this airplane was designed by him, he was clear about the principle of operation of the dual-drive engine. With these strengths, Zhang Tie had grasped the functions of all the operational bars and buttons in the cockpit

Only by throwing a glance at this airplane, Zhang Tie had grasped the driving skills of this airplane.

Under the amazed expressions of the others, Zhang Tie nimbly jumped onto the wing of the airplane. After that, he slid open the cover of the cockpit and put his upper body into it. After pressing the oil supply button, he jumped off and ran to the front of the airplane. He then held the propeller of the airplane and forcefully rotated it in a clockwise manner...

The dual-drive engine was started through machine strokes. The engine could only be started by external strength.

At the beginning, Zhang Tie didn't dare use too much strength in case of ruining the engine. He just used a little strength. However, the engine stopped running only after 2 seconds.

"Ahh, what are you doing? Is this really an airplane? But what could this airplane work for?" Lu Zhongming asked out of amazement.

Soon after Lu Zhongming's words, Zhang Tie had held the propellor for the second time and rotated it in a clockwise manner once again...

The loud boom and the heat wave that was released through the vents blew over the surroundings in a split second. As Bai Suxian and Lin Huanxi were standing beside the propellor, their skirts were blown up by the hot air flow at once.

Combustion of alcohol was different than the combustion of the

other fossil fuels as burning alcohol only led to water and carbon dioxide; instead of black smoke and smelly flavor...

"No way, am I dreaming?" Donder watched the rotating propellor with widely opened eyes and sensed the strong cold wind brought by the propeller as he exclaimed unbelievably.

At this moment, nobody felt that Donder was impolite, because everybody wanted to shout out the same sentence...

Chapter 1217: An Unusual Night

Only with a slightly greater strength than commoners, he had started up the engine. Therefore, Zhang Tie felt pretty good.

"Hahaha..." Zhang Tie burst out into laughter. After that, he ran to the belly of the airplane pleasantly and took away the non-slippery lock which was seizing up the wheels of the landing chassis of the airplane. After that, Zhang Tie drilled out of the belly of the airplane and sat in the cockpit. He then looked at the crowd; at the same time, he beckoned Zhang Su, who was also shocked greatly, to the back seat. Zhang Su immediately ran over there. After jumping onto the wing, he pulled open the cover of the back seat and sat flexibly.

Zhang Tie had his plan by calling his cousin Zhang Su to sit on the back seat at this moment. Previously, Zhang Su might be unknown; however, since he jumped onto Zhang Tie's airplane, the name of Zhang Su was destined to be recorded in the history of humans.

Because it was the first trial flight of the first airplane in the Black Iron Age over 900 years later after the Catastrophe, a great attempt for commoners to convince the sky once again. Besides Zhang Tie, Zhang Su also joined this trial flight.

Because it was humans' first trial flight in the black iron age, it carried a special meaning. The name of Zhang Su was destined to be remembered by people. 'Zhang Su is too inconspicuous at the present. If he works for me, he'd better have a bit reputation.'

Of course, Zhang Tie would grasp such a rare chance; instead of bothering others. The 3 airplanes had been assembled and passed the engine performance test. They did not have a trial flight yet.

It was at Zhang Tie's request. However, those onlookers might have not responded to it as they were still in shock and wondering how could Zhang Tie run this airplane; neither were they sure

whether this airplane could fly.

Zhang Tie closed the cover of his cockpit, so did Zhang Su. After that, the entire airplane slowly moved under the gaze of everyone else. After circling a small half of the warehouse, it drove out of the gate of the warehouse and came to the airport.

The plain airport provided the airstrip for the airplane. Zhang Tie gradually accelerated the airplane. After moving hundreds of meters away, Zhang Tie and Zhang Su felt being weightless while the entire airplane took off under the gaze of all the people at present. After leaving the ground, the landing chassis of the airplane was also slowly drawn back beneath the wings.

Zhang Tie then drove the airplane and had it fly around Xuantian Peak.

The wuther of the engine aroused the attention of many people on Xuantian Peak.

Zhang Tie soon became familiar with the driving skills and know-how of this airplane. Therefore, Zhang Tie could have this airplane do more and more actions in the sky. In the evening, it constantly rolled and ascended and did various maneuvering movements as flexibly as a huge bird and a monkey on the tree.

After flying a few circles around Xuantian Peak in the sky, Zhang Tie played a trick. He had the airplane fly over the warehouse upside down from over 3 m higher above the warehouse. When they almost crashed against the cliff of Xuantian Peak, Zhang Tie pulled it up vertically rapidly, shocking those onlookers pretty much.

Bai Zhengnan patted his head as he flew towards Zhang Tie's airplane, closely followed by Mountain Lifting Hermit, Feng Cangwu, Bai Suxian, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi. They caught up with Zhang Tie's airplane in the blink of an eye...

Zhang Tie soon realized the result of showing off in front of a

team of knights by airplane—he was surrounded by those knights out of curiosity.

Bai Zhengnan flew onto the left wing of the airplane; Mountain Lifting Hermit flew onto the right wing of the airplane; Bai Suxian, Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi flew to the top of the airplane; Feng Cangwu flew to the front of the airplane as he just flew backward while observing the airplane...

Of course, this airplane couldn't match knights in speed; therefore, these people could surround it and watch it easily.

When they were gazing at the airplane and Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie felt like being put in a cage. At the speed of 360 miles per hour, the onlookers and the airplane were relatively still, no matter how the airplane moved. When those knights watched the airplane, they kept speaking highly of it.

Thankfully, they were all familiar ones. Therefore, Zhang Tie didn't feel too embarrassed. He just tested this airplane's performance to his heart's content. All the onlookers just watched him manipulating it quietly. As knights, they all realized the significance of what Zhang Tie was doing. They all knew that they were not watching something fresh out of curiosity, but witnessing a sharp weapon which could change the balance of air forces between humans and demons in this age.

On the evening of February 6, the 904th year of Black Iron Calendar, the first human airplane accomplished its first ever flight above Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory which, as a whole, was tranquil with sparse lights.

As the airplane constantly ascended, Xuantian Peak which was higher than 8,000 m was instantly lagged behind. Meanwhile, the wuther of the engine grew increasingly acuter too; however, it was still steady. When Zhang Tie looked at the altimeter of the airplane, he sensed the performance of the airplane. When it reached about 12,500 m in height, Zhang Tie tried many times and

found that the airplane couldn't reach higher any more no matter how the engine of the airplane wuthered. Later on, Zhang Tie properly declined the airplane to over 4,000 m in height before flying towards Tianxuan City.

Only after over 10 minutes' flight, Tianxuan City had appeared under Zhang Tie's foot.

Tianxuan City was a large city with a big population. Although the dark had fallen, it was a nice nightscape while the sky was adorned with brilliant stars. When Zhang Tie had the airplane fly over Tianxuan City, the metallic texture of the surface of the airplane and the sound of its engine attracted the attention of many people in Tianxuan City, causing a bit turmoil.

After flying over Tianxuan City, Zhang Tie had the airplane fly over the hinterland of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. Closely after that, he flew over Xinlu City, Langyun City, Ningan City, Xuesong City, Yande City, Qinghe City, Dashang City, Wugong City and Dongyang City within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory one after another. After over 5 hours' flight, he returned along Yangui Mountain Range, ignoring the turmoils that he aroused among those cities.

When the airplane was approaching Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks, Zhang Tie's heart pounded as he told those onlookers, "The performance of the steam crossbows has not been tested. How about testing the air combat capability of this airplane by scattering a bit and releasing your protective battle qis like wing demons?"

As for knights, as long as they released their protective battle qis, these steam crossbows could never threaten them, at most make them itchy. After hearing that Zhang Tie wanted to try the air combat capability of this airplane, all of them felt it was interesting as they all nodded as if they were playing a game. They all released their protective battle qis while extending the distances between them and the airplane.

After saying "star" to Zhang Su, Zhang Tie immediately started to test the performance of those steam crossbows on the airplane by shooting bolts towards those knights.

The steam crossbows were as powerful as usual; additionally, being installed on the airplane, they could be manipulated flexibly. When in normal flight, besides the direction of the propeller, the tail unit and the space below the body of the airplane, there was almost no dead ground. He could also shoot those dead grounds as Zhang Tie adjusted his flight attitude.

Gliders could never match airplanes in flexibility and maneuverability.

Bai Zhengnan and Mountain Lifting Hermit both felt it was interesting. Until Zhang Su shot all the bolts, Zhang Tie noticed them before returning to Xuantian Peak by airplane. The airplane landed on the same runway before slowly entering the same warehouse.

The entire process took them about 6 hours. When Zhang Tie drove the airplane back to Xuantian Peak, it was over 1 pm on February 7.

Donder, Zhang Tie's disciples and the disciples of Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi were all waiting for them back in the warehouse.

What happened today shocked everybody too much. Even Donder and all the others became very excited, not to mention Zhang Tie and those knights.

After parking the airplane, Zhang Tie opened the cover of his cockpit and jumped out of it closely followed by Zhang Su.

A lot of people came around Zhang Tie at once. They all watched Zhang Tie with their shiny eyes as if they were watching a rare pre-historical beast. As a result, Zhang Tie felt goosebumps all over. He had not even been watched in this way even in the rotating chakra ceremony a few days ago.

None of those knights spoke. Donder and those disciples of Iron-Dragon Sect both felt that the atmosphere was weird; therefore, they dared not open their mouths either.

Zhang Tie shrugged as he said, "Don't look at me like that. Just say something!"

Zhang Tie broke the silence.

"Maximal flight height, 12,500 m!" Feng Cangwu opened his mouth.

"Maximal speed, about 420 miles per hour!" Lu Zhongming said.

"The crossbows on the airplane have advantages over airships on power, flexibility and speed." Bai Suxian nodded as she said.

"Over the past 6 hours, this airplane has flown about 2,380 miles. How long could it fly now?" Bai Zhengnan looked at Zhang Tie and asked him.

"There's still half fuel in the oil tank..." Zhang Tie answered straightforwardly.

"You mean the maximal operational radius of action of this airplane is about 2,380 miles and it could fly 4,560 miles..." The royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion took in a deep breath as he looked at Zhang Tie in a profound manner, "With this airplane, Iron-Dragon Sect could enjoy a good fame among humans too!"

Before Zhang Tie finished his words, Donder suddenly coughed twice before saying, "Hmm, it's already too late. Don't stand here anymore. It's cold. We can talk in the room..."

It was indeed not the right place for Zhang Tie and those knights to talk about it.

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Chapter 1218: High-Power Alcohol Production Base

Over the half past year, although Zhang Tie was not in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, he was still paying special attention to everything in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

The construction of the site of Iron-Dragon Sect was one of the most attractive things to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie knew that Threerocks Construction Business Group had mobilized over 300,000 people, hundreds of airships of all types and over 10,000 sets of mechanical equipment and vehicles to build the site of Iron-Dragon Sect in the half past year. Even now, over 2,000 craftsmen were still constructing the site of Iron-Dragon Sect a day.

With such a large scale and great efforts, Threerocks Construction Business Group carried out multi-tasks at the same time. Some high-class highways leading to Youzhou Province, Yanzhou Province and the other places across Youzhou Province from Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks had been open to the traffic in the half past year. Various buildings and living facilities on Xuantian Peak were also gradually improved.

Last night, Zhang Tie shocked the public too much. Even Bai Suxian couldn't believe that Zhang Tie invented dual-drive engine which couldn't even be invented by senior mechanical engineers.

Therefore, early morning, they all urged to visit the production bases of Zhang Tie in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Undoubtedly, Bai Zhengnan, Bai Suxian's elder brother was most interested in Zhang Tie's high-power alcohol and new-type airplane.

As the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, Bai Zhengnan ruled over 10 corps in the south border of Taixia Country. He understood military affairs, people's livelihood and

political affairs. Therefore, he was the first one who saw the great value of Zhang Tie's high-power alcohol and new-type airplane. After those knights talked it through with Zhang Tie last night, Bai Zhengnan rushed to the warehouse of Xuantian Peak and teleported all those barrels of high-power alcohol into his portable space-teleportation equipment with the reason that those lanterns over Immortals Gathering Peak lacked fuel and he felt this high-power alcohol was proper; therefore, he moved them himself instead of bringing trouble to Zhang Tie.

Before going to bed, Zhang Tie heard this message from his subordinates and became speechless about that.

'How could those lanterns on Immortals Gathering Peak need fuel like those inferior lanterns? It's absolutely a joke given the magnificence of Lord Guangnan's Mansion and Bai Suxian's daily needs.'

'Even if Immortals Gathering Peak really lack fuel, when did the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion become the butler of Immortals Gathering Pick?'

'Speaking of value, the production cost of those barrels of high-power alcohol is just a few silver coins. How could the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion take them away without my consent as if he was afraid that I wouldn't agree with him instead of feeling bashful?'

When Zhang Tie heard this news before going to bed, he forced a bitter smile.

This night, Zhang Tie lived in the Master's Pavilion of Iron-Dragon Sect on Xuantian Peak.

Master's Pavilion was not just a pavilion; instead, it was a complex which was connected by bucket arches and elevated high bridges. Being in the depth of the most beautiful wood, brook and garden on Xuantian Peak, the entire Master's Pavilion included Zhang Tie's main building, 21 various pavilions, buildings and

courtyards for the loving of guards, maids, servants and Zhang Tie's family members. At least 300 people could live in the Master's Pavilion comfortably.

The entire Master's Pavilion had not been put in use yet. It was Zhang Tie's first time to live in it. Although it was a bit empty inside and not as boisterous as Zhang Mansion, Zhang Tie was still very satisfied with it.

Because the courtyard and facilities on Pines Peak had not been completed, Mountain Lifting Hermit lived in an elder's courtyard on Xuantain Peak for the time being; Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi, Donder and Zhang Su had their own courtyards; Zhang Tie's disciples had long got their residences on Xuantain Peak; Bai Suxian and Bai Zhengnan directly flew to Immortals Gathering Peak and lived there.

As her elder brother and so many knights were here, Bai Suxian felt embarrassed sleeping with Zhang Tie; therefore, Zhang Tie enjoyed a rare, personal sleep.

This night, there were only 5 people in the Master's Pavilion, Zhang Tie and 4 of his disciples.

Liu Xing and Zhao Bing were responsible for Zhang Tie's safety when he was sleeping; Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei served as Zhang Tie's maids.

Serving one's master when in need. Almost everyone in Taixia Country felt it was reasonable. It was not just a lip service. Because Iron-Dragon Sect had not established its personnel affairs system, Zhang Tie's Master's Pavilion didn't have enough servants; therefore, on the first evening when Zhang Tie came back, his disciples were on night duty for Master's Pavilion.

Zhang Tie was not used to that; however, he knew that it was absolutely acceptable in Taixia Country. Additionally, those people were arranged by Liu Xing. Given their facial expressions, they all felt very honorable serving as Zhang Tie's guards and maids. Now

that they were all excited, Zhang Tie didn't need to say anything else.

Liu Xing, Zhao Bing, Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei stood there still overnight.

After a few hours' deep sleep, Zhang Tie had woken up before daybreak.

The moment Zhang Tie got up, Qian Bingbing and Zhang Yawei had opened the bead curtain and entered Zhang Tie's bedroom. Before they started to help Zhang Tie put on clothes and cleanse up, Zhang Tie said bashfully, "Erm...I will do it myself!".

"Master, do you blame Yawei and I for being ham-handed and want to be served by other senior or junior sister apprentices? Are you chasing us away?" Qian Bingbing opened her mouth. At the same time, the two female disciples' eyes were filled with glistening teardrops. With innocent looks, they almost cried.

Facing such a situation, although he was their master, Zhang Tie could only stay silent. Zhang Tie had a similar experience. At school, sometimes, a teacher's casual sentence might make a student unhappy for many years, even cause a knot in his heart. Therefore, besides preaching his knowledge to disciples, Zhang Tie always reminded himself that he had to pay attention to his diction in front of his disciples. "Whoops, alright, but you don't need to stand outside overnight if you still want to be on night duty in the future!"

"Don't need to stand outside...Master...Master...do you want us to help you go to bed?" Zhang Yawei whispered as she lowered her head.

The two female disciples blushed at once as they lowered their heads and peeped at Zhang Tie.

If it was a male disciple in front of Zhang Tie, Zhang Tie had long slapped him and sent him flying away. However, they were two

female disciples. Zhang Tie became speechless, 'What are the two girls thinking about?'

Now that he couldn't slap them and send them flying away, Zhang Tie could only straighten his face as he flicked Zhang Yawei's head by finger in an imposing manner.

Zhang Tie had determined to establish his personnel affairs system in Iron-Dragon Sect. At least, he could select some dare-to-die members from those gifted by Lord Guangnan's Mansion and have them assume the night duty for these guards and maids. With so many girls on his side, he might have love affairs with them one day. Similar things were not fresh in Taixia Country. Take Nangong Sheng the master of Immortal Fist Position Sect as an instance, some of his current concubines who accompanied him to attend the rotating chakra ceremony were his former disciples. As for knights, such romantic affairs were acceptable. Some sentimental love stories might be deducted from such affairs. However, Zhang Tie could barely accept such affairs.

Perhaps, he was deeply impressed by Miss Daina. The relationship between him and Miss Daina was always a hazy and pure friendship between teacher and student. Therefore, Zhang Tie unconsciously treated Miss Daina as a model and would never break the friendship between a teacher and a student.

As of now, although Miss Daina couldn't teach him anything more; what she instructed Zhang Tie were deeply buried in Zhang Tie's memory. The last lesson of Miss Daina taught Zhang Tie how to be a qualified teacher.

This was a sort of memory that could only be understood by Zhang Tie.

"Hahaha, young brother Zhang Tie. The day is breaking. Will we take a look at the production base of high-power alcohol and dual-drive engine that you taught us last night?" Bai Zhengnan's loud laughter drifted from the sky. Soon after he flew off Immortals

Gathering Peak, his voice had reached the Master's Pavilion on Xuantian Peak.

This was a senior tactic of voice transmission. In this means, the voice could reach over 10 miles away. When it reached the destination, it would diffuse as if he was talking to you in front of you. Ordinary earth knights could barely grasp this skill.

Before Zhang Tie went to wake him up, the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion had left for Zhang Tie's Xuantian Peak and urged him to get up. Perhaps, the royal highness didn't even fall asleep last night. As for a knight, they only needed to enter meditation by crossing their legs with eyes closed for a short while to recover their spirit and energy.

Bai Zhengnan's arrival broke the embarrassed atmosphere in Zhang Tie's bedroom coincidentally.

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When Zhang Tie put on his clothes, cleansed up and walked out of the Master's Pavilion, Liu Xing and Zhao Bing in iron armors both bowed towards him outside the Master's Pavilion with gleaming eyes.

"Master!"

"Hmm, thanks!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at them. After standing outside the Master's Pavilion overnight, the two men's iron armors had been covered with hoar-frost and dew.

"It's disciples' responsibility to serve our master!"

Bai Zhengnan and the other knights had just arrived at the opening land outside Master's Pavilion and were waiting for Zhang Tie to come out.

"Have you had breakfast?" Zhang Tie asked.

"How about having breakfast on the airboat? I've already had people to prepare it on the airboat!"

Bai Zhengnan answered. Feng Cangwu shrugged. Mountain Lifting Hermit didn't say anything. Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi revealed a smile. With red eyes, Donder might not have a good sleep last night. Zhang Su was waiting for Zhang Tie's decision. Bai Suxian looked curious.

Watching the expressions of the other knights, Zhang Tie said, "Let's go then..."

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In less than half an hour, soon after they finished their breakfast on the airboat, the airboat had already landed on a vast and smooth land in the south of Dongyang City within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory which bordered Gaoping Prefecture in Yanzhou Province. Right in the middle of this open land which covered over 1,400,000 square meters, there were rows of huge erect metal cans and intensive pipelines.

This was the first production base of high-power alcohol within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory according to Zhang Tie's plan.

The airboat directly landed on an open land within the production base of high-power alcohol.

Soon after the airboat parked, a lot of armored guards had swarmed up from all directions while blowing whistles. At the same time, they had pulled their sabers out of their sheaths as if they were facing a sharp enemy.

These ordinary guards could barely see senior airboat in usual times. After the rotating chakra ceremony, Zhang Tie returned his Iron-Dragon airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect; therefore, it was difficult for them to identify whether this airboat came from Lord Guangnan's Mansion or other places.

The airboat arrived abruptly without any notice. Therefore, these guards could only surround the airboat rapidly; meanwhile, having people notice the director of the base. They also knew that

those who could take a flight by airboat were definitely not commoners.

Zhang Tie didn't open the hatch door of the airboat at once. Zhang Tie was also waiting for the arrival of the director. If he went out at this moment, these guards might not be able to identify him. In case of any trouble, he didn't feel like explaining anything to them.

Only after a short while, the boss of Zhongpin Business Group in Dongyang City, which was a branch of Li Clan of Wansheng Palace in Wuhua Prefecture, Zhuozhou Province had run over here while smoothening his clothes.

At the sight of Li Tao, Zhang Tie had people open the hatch door. After that, he walked out of the airboat.

Li Tao had seen Zhang Tie twice. The construction of this high-power alcohol production base was a task that Zhang Tie delivered to Li Tao. Li Tao was invited to attend Zhang Tie's rotating chakra ceremony too. However, on that occasion, Li Tao was just a trivial person like Lu Yishan. It was already his great honor to have a seat in the auditorium. By contrast, those who were waiting to be received by Zhang Tie in Xuantian City together with him were not even qualified to talk to Zhang Tie. However, in this rotating chakra ceremony, Li Tao knew the real identity of Cui Li and was in much more awe of Zhang Tie because of the talents that Zhang Tie exposed.

At the sight of the young man walking out of the hatch door, Li Tao became slightly stunned. Closely after that, he bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie and said, "Master, Li Tao feels sorry for being late!"

Watching Li Tao's movement and hearing his words, those surrounding guards hurriedly put their sabers back into the sheaths as they knelt down by one knee towards Zhang Tie.

Chapter 1219: The First Myrmidon

Zhang Tie told Li Tao to show around this high-power alcohol production base to his followers. Meanwhile, those guards kept patrolling in the base.

This was Zhang Tie's private high-power alcohol production base; however, it was Zhang Tie's first time to visit here. Therefore, Zhang Tie was also interested in those tall and huge iron cans and pipelines in the base.

"Those guards have a quick reaction speed. Are they new?" Zhang Tie asked Li Tao as he looked around those facilities in the base.

"Master, they are guards of Zhongpin Business Group. After the base was completed, this humble man only assigned a part of them here for the sake of the safety of this base. However, after the catastrophe of bloody figures broke out in Tongzhou Province, I was told that many bloody figures had entered Yangui Mountain Range; therefore, this humble man assigned all of them here!"

"Do you live in here too?"

"There are fewer than 5 LV 9 fighters among them; all the others just rank from LV 4 to LV 8. I was told that all the bloody figures are LV 9 fighters. Therefore, I was worried that these guards might not deal with those bloody figures and directly live in the base!"

Li Tao was a LV 13 battle general. As long as he was here, he could deal with 10 bloody figures. Even if a big group of bloody figures raided here, he could at least resist them for a short while. During the process when he resisted those bloody figures, as long as he sent the distress signal, the powerhouses of all the clans across Dongyang City would be able to come here for aiding him as soon as possible.

"If you and your guards move to the base, what about your business?"

"Compared to the task of Master, my business is nothing but sh*t!" Li Tao said meticulously without any arrogance or claiming merit for himself.

Zhang Tie threw a glance at Li Tao as he signed with emotion inside. 'What a young member of a family holding official rank for generations! His insight and trick couldn't be matched by ordinary businessmen. Li Tao knew that he could change his fate as long as he completes Zhang Tie's task and satisfies Zhang Tie. His Zhongpin Business Group, the annual sales volume of which was only hundreds of thousands of gold coins was nothing but sh*t in front of Zhang Tie's eyes.'

Zhang Tie was also told that Li Tao had exerted his full efforts in the half past year in order to complete the construction of this high-power alcohol production base within 3 months. The budget of this base was 5 million gold coins; however, in order to complete Zhang Tie's task, Li Tao added 600,000-700,000 more gold coins into the construction of this alcohol production base.

As long as money was in place, some equipment suppliers within Yanzhou Province could rapidly produce various facilities required by this production base; additionally, resources and relations could be coordinated in all aspects; thirdly, he used this money to set heavy rewards for those workers, technicians and engineers who could complete the works overtime. With the efforts and coordination of Li Tao, this high-power alcohol production base was finally completed within 3 months. However, those gold coins that Li Tao provided himself greatly weakened the foundation of his business group. Even so, Li Tao didn't complain about that; neither did he ask more money from Iron-Dragon Sect; instead, he just gritted his teeth and completed the task perfectly.

Li Tao's meritorious services ranked first in the construction of this high-power alcohol base.

Li Tao's efforts could be identified from his look. After half a year, he had been much thinner and darker.

What was more, after the first batch of high-power alcohol was produced, Li Tao blocked the news in case of arousing the attention of all parties as he was clear about the value of the alcohol. Additionally, nobody took away those high-power yeasts from the reaction kettle of the base. Zhang Tie was the creator of those high-power yeasts; if someone took away those high-power yeasts or if those high-power yeasts met some problems, Zhang Tie would have known that without having to come here.

As Li Tao had experience in producing alcohol; he knew what counted most in this base. However, he didn't lose his mind in front of interest when Zhang Tie was not here. Therefore, he was definitely reliable.

As Li Tao was capable, visionary, loyal and deeply believed in Zhang Tie, of course, Zhang Tie would not let him suffer a loss; instead, Zhang Tie would put him in an important position and gift him a bright future. As Zhang Tie urgently needed capable and loyal people like Li Tao, he brought Zhang Su and Donder here.

"Do you remember what I told you at the beginning? As long as you could complete this task well, I will gift you a bright future and enable you to return home one day with honors. Even the elders of Li Clan of Wansheng Palace would behave politely in front of you!"

"This humble man remembers it!" Li Tao said meticulously.

"Hmm, don't run your Zhongpin Business Group anymore!" Zhang Tie said calmly.

Li Tao's footsteps stagnated slightly.

"That business is too small. You couldn't make too much money in one year. You don't deserve to do that. Just stay on my side as the general manager of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory!" Zhang Tie threw a glance at Li Tao as he added, "This base is just a start in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. The scale of 500,000 tons is just the first step for throwing a stone to clear the road. In the future, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory would be able to produce at least 2

million tons' high-power alcohol a year. As the conditions gradually grow mature, I will found bases in Youzhou Province, Yanzhou Province and Tongzhou Province. You will be responsible for all the alcohol production bases within Northeast Military Region. As for the treatment, I gained 60,000 kg gold a year when I served as the judicial officer of Youzhou Province. You could choose between 60,000 kg gold and 1/100 of the total profit of the entire high-power alcohol industry within Northeast Military Region a year!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Li Tao blushed in a strange way as he took in a deep breath and bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie once again and said, "Master, from today on, Li Tao would like to serve you faithfully. Li Tao had confidence in the business of high-power alcohol and would like to choose the second compensation!"

Zhang Tie burst out into laughter as he thought, 'This guy is really smart and could take note of the situation. He could grasp the chance timely.'

After this bow, Li Tao became Zhang Tie's first myrmidon instead of a commoner within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

In Taixia Country, the relationship between master and myrmidon was similar to the relationship between teacher and student. Myrmidons enjoyed many privileges; meanwhile, they would be restricted in many aspects. Rights and obligations always went hand in hand. When Li Tao was not Zhang Tie's myrmidon, if Zhang Tie killed him out of no reason, he would commit a crime; however, after Li Tao became his myrmidon, if Zhang Tie killed Li Tao according to home regulation, he would not suffer any punishment. Similarly, before Li Tao became Zhang Tie's myrmidon, if he had any enemy, Li Tao had to deal with the enemy himself; however, after becoming Zhang Tie's myrmidon, Zhang Tie would be responsible for dealing with Li Tao's enemy.

All the major clans in Taixia Country had myrmidons, such as Lord Guangnan's Mansion and Huaiyuan Palace. The more

powerful myrmidons a clan had, the more powerful the clan would be.

Now that Zhang Tie had determined to treat Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory as his foundation in Taixia Country, of course, he needed to consolidate this foundation in all aspects and expand his reliable ones for better ruling Fire-Dragon Territory. As Zhang Su was his cousin, Donder was his instructor and friend; of course, they couldn't be his myrmidons. Therefore, Li Tao was fortunate to become Zhang Tie's first myrmidon.

Bai Zhengnan and the other knights just saw Zhang Tie convince Li Tao on one side. Although they didn't know what Li Tao had done for Zhang Tie, they could see that Zhang Tie regarded Li Tao highly.

After realizing that this man might be responsible for the business of high-power alcohol on Zhang Tie's side in the future, even Bai Zhengnan threw a deep glance at Li Tao and bore this man's look in mind.

As the sun rose up, workers in the alcohol production base were in positions on time. Black smoke also rose out of the chimney of the base which indicated that they were producing alcohol. Most of these workers came from the former alcohol plant of Li Tao; some of them were recruited by him lately.

Li Tao introduced each production link to Zhang Tie and the other knights.

They saw hills of maize straws being transmitted into the huge grinder. After being shattered into pieces, the maize straws entered the stewing workshop. After that, they were divided into those huge reaction kettles for fermentation.

The entire fermentation process would take 21 days. 21 days later, the substances in the reaction kettles would be divided once again. The reaction kettles were connected to high-pressure steam pipelines. In high-pressure steam, different substances would be

divided into different places once again.

The pale gold liquid that flew out of that pipe on the top of the reaction kettle was high-power alcohol. The substance flowing out of the pipe which was connected to the middle part of the reaction kettle was plant fiber pulp, the residue at the bottom of the reaction kettle was a special organic fertilizer...

After the plant fiber pulp entered the new production line, they were mixed with broken coarse coal cinders and turned into combustible honeycomb briquet before being pulled away by trucks...

Chapter 1220: Fiery Oil

"Are all the products here made of maize straws?"

"Right!"

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"What's the efficiency of maize straw?"

"On average, 4 tons of maize straws could be made into 1 ton high-power alcohol, over 2 tons of special plant fiber pulp and over 900 kg organic fertilizer."

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"Is this high-power alcohol drinkable or not?"

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"Which effect is better, this organic fertilizer or ordinary fertilizers?"

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"What's the purpose of this special plant fiber pulp? Could it only be made into coal balls?"

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Donder's eyes were always gleaming as if numerous gold coins were flickering in front of him after finding that all the products here were made of maize straws which were usually burned as wastes.

Among all the people at present, Donder had the most questions, which included almost all the questions of the others. With Zhang Tie's consent, Li Tao replied them generously.

"This alcohol is different than ordinary alcohol which is brewed by grains; it's not drinkable. Even though being mixed with water, it still tastes especially spicy and numb. You could easily identify it..."

After hearing Li Tao's words, they all tried to taste the alcohol which had been mixed with 80% of water on the production line.

Its taste was similar to liquor; however, it was more stimulative than liquor. After being mixed with water, it was pale gold instead of being colorless. The moment they tasted it, their tongue would become numb. With such a terrifying taste, it could easily be identified.

"Pitiful!" Donder said in a disappointed way after having a sip.

"Nothing pitiful!" Zhang Tie replied with a smile, "It's already very fortunate for us to make high-power alcohol using maize straw. This alcohol has a very high fuel value. As a payment, we will lose its drinking value. This alcohol is many times more poisonous than ordinary alcohol to the human liver. With one cup of it, you might suffer from hepatotoxicity. It's the balance way of nature. We cannot make one thing that could be used by machine and eaten by humans. That's not the balance way of nature!"

All the others nodded as they all felt that Zhang Tie's words were reasonable.

"As for the effect of this organic fertilizer, it's not too special. After one month's commissioning and trial run, it was already December when the first batch of high-power alcohol was produced. However, we basically couldn't plant crops in winter; we just distributed this organic fertilizer to those farmers who sent us their maize straws. The effect of the fertilizer couldn't be seen until a few months later when they plant crops!"

At this moment, Li Tao threw another glance at Zhang Tie's expression before saying meticulously, "As for the purpose of this special plant fiber pulp, as of now, according to the request of master, we mix this plant fiber pulp with coal cinders and use them as fuel. This fuel is combustible; it's available to keep ourselves warm and cook dinner at home; it could even be used for heating up the boiler and driving various steam equipment. It

could produce 10% higher heat quantity than ordinary coal. Additionally, it would produce much fewer soot than ordinary coal and honeycomb briquet. It's especially clean and convenient at home; additionally, after over 1 month's trial production, we discovered another interesting thing!"

"What's that?"

"Follow me, you will know it." Li Tao led them into another production workshop on the other side.

This workshop was also used to produce something using those fiber pulp and coal cinders. However, being different than those coal balls and coal bars, the machines and production line in this workshop were different than that in the neighboring workshop. There were two sets of locomotive grinders on a production line which could produce bricks.

Those coarse coal cinders in the neighboring workshop would be further shattered into finer coal cinders and sands. After being mixed with the fiber pulp, these coal cinders and sands would be transmitted onto that production line and be compressed into dark grey square bricks.

A lot of square bricks had been piled up tidily in this workshop.

"We found that this plant fiber pulp would carry a strong plasticity after being mixed with finer coal cinders and sands. Therefore, we slightly changed the technology and made those coal cinders finer and lowered its proportion in the mixture. In the beginning, I made it into square bricks only for the sake of stock; later on, I discovered that these square bricks could even work as building materials if there's not a high request in fire-resistance..."

Fire-resistance was relative. These things being produced in alcohol production base could burn for sure as long as they were thrown into the boiler or the hearth; however, unless someone purposefully burned them, they would not burn up spontaneously just like a pile of coal.

"These coal bricks would have a great purpose in troops, not to mention the alcohol!" Bai Zhengnan put it straight. As the royal highness of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, he picked up a dried brick and sensed its weight and hardness by weighing it in hand even though his hand was made dirty. He then said, "My airship troops, armored troops and transport fleets are all driven by steam engines. Therefore, the logistics departments have to carry a large quantity of coal in each action; especially when they're somewhere where coal couldn't be supplied, they would carry more coals. Otherwise, those armored vehicles, transport vehicles and airships might flameout at any time. Common coals are incompact and couldn't be easily transported. Given convenience, ordinary coal indeed couldn't match this kind of compressed fiber-coal brick. If the fuel of troops is all turned into this kind of bricks, the logistics troops would feel much more relaxed!"

"Additionally, these things could also be used to build temporary fortifications in the wild in emergencies; it would be much better than digging soil and setting sandbags..." Feng Cangwu also picked up one coal brick which felt like ordinary brick and timber and started to observe it while narrowing his eyes, "Now that this thing has a very strong plasticity and could match coal as a fuel, if it's supplied for troops, we can make it a bit special; change the molds on the production line and press them into standard tenon-and-mortise pieces for the sake of assembly. Soldiers could rapidly build fortifications or small battle fortresses with these pieces..."

Donder widely opened his eyes as he said, "Does that work?"

"It could definitely not be used to defend powerhouses; neither could these bricks be used to build long-term fortifications and battle fortresses; however, they could be used to defend demons below LV 9 in emergencies!" Zhang Su said as he also picked up a brick, "Fieldworks and civil engineering are the most powerful means that humans adapted to deal with demons. This thing could definitely be used as fuel of troops and material to build

fortifications rapidly!"

Bai Zhengnan, Feng Cangwu and Zhang Su had rich experience on battlefields. Therefore, their words all hit the nail right on the head. As this thing had a great portability, a good combustion effect and an extremely high plasticity, it's indeed very useful in corps. Some timbers could realize the same effect after being processed. However, no corps across Taixia Country could be that luxurious to use timbers as fuel; otherwise, a corps would go bankrupt after only one battle.

It was a surprise for Zhang Tie. Before coming here, he had known that these things were combustible; however, it was out of his imagination that the remains of alcohol brewage could have such a great purpose.

"I feel that those fiber pulp might be used to make paper!" Lu Zhongming opened his mouth too, "I've been to some paper mills in Guzhou Province. I feel that this fiber pulp was very similar to those pulp in paper mills; additionally, this fiber pulp was finer and smoother. I suggest you to have a try. Papermaking process is not that complex..."

Of course, this fiber pulp could be used to make paper! Zhang Tie had long known that. However, as it was his first time to visit this alcohol production base, in front of so many knights, Zhang Tie didn't need to act like a prophet. Now that someone had mentioned it, Zhang Tie just praised him.

"Elder brother Lu is right!" Zhang Tie nodded as he told Li Tao, "After a few days, find some professionals here to test the quality of paper made of this fiber pulp. If it's feasible, we can use some fiber pulp to make paper in the future." After saying that, Zhang Tie pointed at Donder and added, "He's Donder, my general steward. Later on, you two will be responsible for the management and financial affairs of this alcohol production base. Donder's words are also mine!"

"Yes, Master!" Li Tao nodded. Closely after that, he deeply bowed towards Donder and said politely, "General Steward Donder, I will learn from you!"

"Haha, we will learn from each other!" Donder had long been excited. With sparkling eyes, Donder chested out as he ticked off with fingers, "High-power alcohol means money; organic fertilizers mean money; coal bricks and coal balls mean money; paper means money; however, maize straws are wastes. Erm...this base is absolutely a coins-making plant. One base is too few, the more the better..."

"Elder Brother Bai and Elder Brother Lu, how do you feel about this business? Do you like that?" Zhang Tie asked Bai Zhengnan and Lu Zhongming.

"Is this the business that you're going to introduce to us?" Bai Zhengnan asked Zhang Tie seriously. Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi also exchanged a glance with each other.

"Of course, if you like it, you could be responsible for this business in the south border and Northeast Military Region. We will share the profits!"

"If this business expands in the south border, do you know how much will it make a year? Do you know what a great influence it would pose? How could you be so generous?"

"We can make money together. I feel bored by making so much money alone!" Zhang Tie revealed a casual smile while his generosity moved them, "Heavens Fortune Sect has also boarded my ship. The elder of Guan Clan would come here after a few days too. Two elders, don't be that courteous to me..."

"Which Guan Clan?"

"Guan Clan of Mingwu Palace!"

"Are the airplanes also produced here?"

"Airplanes and engines manufacturing plants are in Xuantian

City!"

"Well, let's take a look in Xuantian City. I want to say how many more good things do you hide!"

"Sure, let's take a look in Xuantian City then!" After saying that, Zhang Tie told Li Tao, "You come with us. You'd better know the purpose of this alcohol in Xuantian City..."

"The name of high-power alcohol is too long; additionally, it's not imposing and intuitive. The word alcohol would easily arise misunderstanding too. People would think that it's eatable and cheap; therefore, it would hurt people easily. It's inconvenient for us to raise its price in the future. If we want to sell it, we'd better give it an effective name which could be easily remembered. " Donder had a very sensitive commercial gift. Only after frowning and thinking about it for a short while, he had proposed a useful suggestion.

"There were gasoline, kerosene and diesel before the Catastrophe, whose names were all easily remembered. Now that high-power alcohol is produced in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, how about calling it Fiery Oil?" Zhang Tie instantly thought up a new name for high-power alcohol.

"Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Fiery Oil. It sounds good and is catchy!" Donder spoke highly of it at once. After muttering this name for a few times, all the others nodded one after another.

"I also feel that Fiery Oil sounds more elegant than alcohol!" Li Tao nodded as he added, "We can name this alcohol production base as Fiery Oil Refinery!"

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The airboat then left the Fiery Oil Refinery for Xuantian City.

After Zhang Tie showed those people around this Fiery Oil Refinery, they gained a wholly new name for high-power alcohol——Fiery Oil!

It only took the airboat about 1 hour to arrive at Xuantian City from the border between Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory and Yanzhou Province. They saw the plant which could produce 100,000 dual-drive engines annually and the first airplane manufacturing plant in Taixia Country in Xuantian City...

Chapter 1221: Air Cavalry Type-I

In a courtyard of Zhike Complex on Xuantian Peak...

The two moons were hanging high in the sky; the 18 mountain peaks were far or near and bathing the same tranquil moonlight. The night breeze blew over Xuantian Peak, causing pines to sway.

This courtyard had the best scenery in Zhike Complex. It was Lu Zhongming, Lin Huanxi and their disciples who lived in there.

After wandering in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for a day and having supper in Xuantain City, Zhang Tie had returned to Xuantian Peak. Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi also returned to their own courtyard. When Lin Huanxi instructed some disciples to cultivate, Lu Zhongming came to the lookout pavilion in the courtyard as he stood still and watched the scenery of Xuantian Eighteen Mountain Peaks.

After a while, Lin Huanxi appeared behind Lu Zhongming and helped him cover a cold-proof cloak.

As a knight, of course, Lu Zhongming was not afraid of cold. However, the couple loved each other so much. They had got married before promoting to knights; therefore, their living habits and details had not changed for dozens of years.

After knowing that his beloved wife was on his side, Lu Zhongming grabbed her hand as he turned around and smiled towards her, "I thought you've gone to bed!"

"I find you have something on your mind; therefore, I came here to take a look at!" Lin Huanxi replied with a gentle smile.

"You know what I'm thinking about?"

"We've gotten married for dozens of years. Since you came back from Xuantain City, I've found that you were thinking about something!"

Lu Zhongming's eyes shone as he asked, "What do you think I'm thinking about?"

Lin Huanxi just replied with a smile as she pointed at the Immortal Spring Peak in the far, "I like that peak; how do you feel?"

After being stunned for a second, Lu Zhongming burst out into laughter, "My wife really knows my heart. I thought you wouldn't agree with me!"

Lin Huanxi let out a sigh before saying, "It's increasingly chaotic in Taixia Country. Although we're knights, we're no different than duckweeds in this chaotic world. Although Guzhou Province is good, our Minling Swordsmanship Sect's foundation is too weak. It's a dangerous period. This holy war might be a great catastrophe for humans. If we're not careful, an earth knight could eliminate us along with our Minling Swordsmanship Sect. In this situation, even knights should cooperate with each other for survival. Zhang Tie once saved my life in Earth-elements Realm. This man is hospitable and righteous. With profound, secret methods, he behaves modestly and is not over-ambitious. He's our benefactor, good teacher and bosom friend. There are still 15 empty peaks. After Fiery Oil enters the market, Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory must become attractive across the world. By then, the 15 peaks would soon be occupied by others. As Zhang Tie is longing for talents and has started to recruit myrmidons; why do we miss such a good opportunity?"

"My wife knows me best!" Lu Zhongming let out a deep sigh towards the sky as he said, "I was not decisive just now; today, I found Zhang Tie was open and aboveboard. He could directly gift the business that could make hundreds of millions of gold coins a year to us and let us earn such a great profit easily in Northeast Military Region. He's a real hero. He makes friends by heart instead of interest. No wonder he could convince Mountain Lifting Hermit who used to be free and alone in Earth-elements Realm.

Although he had already married so many wives, he could still win the heart of the princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion. Additionally, 3 of the top 7 sects in Taixia Country get along well with him. In the future, he was doomed to be the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan. So many major sects and lords and local powers are his VIPs. Furthermore, Zhang Tie is just 30 years old. He will definitely have a bright future. It's a great honor for us to join Fire-Dragon Sect and have such a reliance and bosom friend. Previously, I was worried about that you felt pitiful about abandoning Minling Swordsmanship Sect; I've not imagined that you're more soberer than me!"

"If we're here, just bring all of our disciples here. We only have hundreds of disciples. The Immortal Spring Peak could hold all of them. Mountain Lifting Hermit and young sister Suxian both think about enrolling disciples here. Mountain Lifting Hermit directly wants to leave his orthodoxy here. If we're here, Minling Swordsmanship Sect would be moved to the Immortal Spring Peak in the territory of Fire-Dragon Sect. Immortal Spring Peak will still be dominated by us. It's just a matter of name!"

"If so, I will go find Zhang Tie and express our opinion right now..." Lu Zhongming said as he was going to leave here for Zhang Tie; however, he was stopped by Lin Huanxi.

"Just tell him about that next morning!"

"Ahh, why not tonight?"

Lin Huanxi said bashfully, "I saw young sister Suxian fly into the Master's Pavilion just now..."

Lu Zhongming became stunned for a second. Closely after that, he realized what did she mean. He then put one hand onto Lin Huanxi's beautiful face lightly and stroked twice before saying, "Well, we will talk about that tomorrow. It's a good spring nightscape. 1 minute is worth 100 gold coins. Let's have a rest too..."

After hearing Lu Zhongming's words, Lin Huanxi blushed faintly...

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After having a wild night with Bai Suxian, on the second day, Zhang Tie saw Bai Zhengnan off Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for the south border of Taixia Country.

After visiting Zhang Tie's Fiery Oil Refinery in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, the airplane manufacturing plant and the dual-drive engine plant, Zhang Tie talked with Bai Zhengnan for one hour independently yesterday. After reaching an agreement with Zhang Tie, Bai Zhengnan couldn't wait to go back to the south border of Taixia Country.

Bai Zhengnan left with 2 airplanes, 20 sets of dual-drive engines, 100 tons of Fiery Oil and the parent yeast of high-power yeast that Zhang Tie handed to him. South Border of Taixia Country could establish air corps with these things.

"We're of the same family now. I will hand my sister to you. When you're free, you can come to the south border with Suxian and meet the old man so as to fix the relationship between you and Suxian in case the old man worries about you every day. Over these years, the old man always worries that his daughter couldn't marry others or find a good husband. Since she was young, I have not seen that anyone could convince her; this is pre-destined. Taixia Country is a bit unstable now. You might not keep out of the affair completely in Youzhou Province; however, with the identity of the son-in-law of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, you could frighten a lot of people in Taixia Country!"

Before leaving, Bai Zhengnan had a fervent embrace with Zhang Tie. After what happened yesterday, Bai Zhengnan had already completely treated Zhang Tie as his younger brother-in-law and himself as Zhang Tie's elder brother-in-law.

After hearing that Bai Zhengnan wanted Zhang Tie to go to Lord

Guangnan's Mansion, Bai Suxian immediately pricked up her ears like a rabbit.

"Hmm, I will take Bai Suxian to propose a marriage in Lord Guangnan's Mansion this autumn, next year at most!" Zhang Tie said honestly.

Bai Zhengnan patted Zhang Tie's shoulder as he nodded. After waving his hands towards all the others at present, he boarded his airboat.

The airboat took off from the airport of Xuantian Peak towards the south.

Watching the airboat leaving, Zhang Tie let out a long sigh.

After burying the seeds of Fiery Oil, during the period when Heavens Fortune Sect and Lord Guangnan's Mansion were involved in this business, nobody else could shock or change the overall situation that Fiery Oil would prevail the entire world in the future unless Taixia Country was exterminated in a split second.

Watching the airboat disappearing in the skyline, Zhang Tie felt like seeing many familiar yet strange faces of ordinary soldiers of Selnes Theater of Operations in the sky. With different skins and faces, they were crew on airships, brave glider pilots, fighters who fought wing demons at their full efforts. Zhang Tie once fought demons together with them many times. Zhang Tie watched them getting injured, dying and being shot down from the sky by wing demons like unyielding fiery birds, leaving the last sound in the sky and on the ground.

They were unknown; however, their fresh blood scattered over the land and sky of Selnes Theater of Operations. Even though Waii Subcontinent had become a dead region, those former fresh faces and memories never faded in Zhang Tie's mind.

Zhang Tie especially used the Fiery Oil and the airplanes to

dedicate those heroes who sacrificed their lives in the sky of Selnes Theater of Operations!

In the future, Selnes Eagle was not needed anymore; instead, each person could become the Selnes Eagle and the air cavalry!

This was Zhang Tie's sentiment which nobody understood.

Actually, Zhang Tie didn't care whether Fiery Oil was profitable or not.

The others found that Zhang Tie was watching the sky with a solemn look as if he was fulfilling a sacred contract and pledge.

"Ahem...ahem..." Zhang Su pretended to cough twice in order to attract Zhang Tie's attention, "I prepare to establish the first pilot training school in Xuantian City today. The new airplane seemed to have not been named officially. If we have other new types of airplanes, we might not distinguish them easily!"

Donder, as Zhang Tie's general steward, was responsible for Zhang Tie's finance; Zhang Su, as Zhang Tie's cousin, was responsible for establishing Fire-Dragon Corps of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

With both money and knife, as the person with the highest battle strength, Zhang Tie didn't need to care about the affairs in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory at all as everything would go smoothly in it.

As of now, Zhang Tie had been good at using these means which were usually adopted by big figures.

"Just call them Air Cavalry Type-I!" Zhang Tie named the airplane casually before reminding Zhang Su, "We can first select a batch of crew who could drive gliders. They might easily grasp the driving skills of the airplane!"

"After reading the Pilot Brochure that you compiled for a few days, even I could drive an airplane now!" Zhang Su replied with a smile.

Chapter 1222: Belief

On the morning of February 8, Bai Zhengnan left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. After that, Zhang Su and Donder left Xuantian Peak. Zhang Su was going to organize Fire-Dragon Corps by integrating the local armored forces within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory; Donder made his first official inspection tour in Zhang Tie's territory. In Donder's words, now that he became the general steward of Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, he had to get hang of everything in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, including, population, resources, land, taxes of cities and local major clans and influential figures, etc.. He had to bear all of them deep in mind.

Thankfully, Donder came to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory with some reliable assistants from Golden Roc Bank. With the help of these assistants, he could slowly sort the financial affairs and businesses within Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi also left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory; however, before they left, they told Zhang Tie they wanted to join Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory. That made Zhang Tie exclaim that he had such a high popularity.

The news that Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi wanted to join Iron-Dragon Sect was not trivial for Zhang Tie and Iron-Dragon Sect.

Of course, Zhang Tie gave a warm welcome to Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi. They were two knights! After Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi joined Iron-Dragon Sect, the number of knights in Iron-Dragon Sect increased from 3 to 5 at once, including 2 earth knights and 3 black iron knights. Such a battle strength ranked top across Northeast Military Region.

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory to deal with the affairs of Minling Swordsmanship in Guzhou

Province. After that, they would join Iron-Dragon Sect along with their disciples.

After Zhang Tie returned his airboat to Taiyi Fantasy Sect, the airboat that Gold and Power Law promised to gift him was still being customized according to Zhang Tie's request, which would take another 2 months. Therefore, only Bai Suxian's airboat was available in Iron-Dragon Sect. Zhang Tie directly had people send Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi back to Guzhou Province by airboat. It would only take the airboat fewer than 5 days to make a round trip between Youzhou Province and Guzhou Province. By contrast, it would take them more than 2 months by airship. After Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi dealt with the affairs of Minling Swordsmanship Sect in Guzhou Province, they would be carried back by Bai Suxian's airboat.

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi selected Immortal Spring Peak as their base in Iron-Dragon Sect. Therefore, soon after Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi left, Zhang Tie had fetched Lu Yishan and gave him 1 million gold coins for the construction of the houses and facilities on Immortal Spring Peak.

As for the construction of houses and palaces, 1 million gold coins was a big amount. The construction of Xuantian Peak had just cost a bit more than 1 million gold coins. Half a year ago, even an ordinary villa and courtyard that occupied about 700 square meters outside Xuantian City would cost more than 10 million gold coins. Due to the catastrophe of bloody figures, the price of land outside cities declined sharply.

Now that Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi came here for shelter, of course, Zhang Tie would not be stingy on this issue.

Zhang Tie received Lu Yishan in the main hall of Iron-Dragon Sect. After passing the gold check to Lu Yishan, Zhang Tie found that Lu Yishan was a bit strange today. After taking the gold check, Lu Yishan was still there as if he wanted to say something to Zhang Tie.

"Do you have any trouble? Go ahead, I'm listening!" Zhang Tie asked Lu Yishan straightforwardly.

After hearing Zhang Tie's words, Lu Yishan gritted his teeth with a blush as if he had made the decision. Closely after that, he knelt down in front of Zhang Tie and kowtowed loudly in front of Zhang Tie for three times, "Sorry for my rudeness, the entire Lu Clan wish to serve Master at our full efforts. None of Lu Clan dare betray Master; otherwise, we will be exterminated by the God."

After hearing Lu Yishan's words, Zhang Tie became stunned for a second. Then, he threw a glance at Lu Yishan who was a bit upset; meanwhile, Zhang Tie turned solemn as he asked, "Do you want to be my myrmidon?"

"Yes, Master!"

"Is that your intention or the intention of Lu Clan as a whole? Have you negotiated with the elders of Lu Clan?"

"I've already negotiated with the elders of Lu Clan. Lu Clan as a whole wish to serve Master at our full efforts!"

Lu Yishan put his hands horizontally against each other in front of his knees. At the same time, his forehead touched his palms. This gesture indicated that he completely acknowledged allegiance to Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie became silent for a short while; Lu Yishan just maintained this gesture in order to extend his sincerity to Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie knew that Lu Yishan must have heard the news that Li Tao became his myrmidon. If he agreed to take Lu Yishan as his myrmidon too, all the other individuals and clans which had established relationships with Zhang Tie and thought highly of his prospect and moral standing would board Zhang Tie's huge ship. Lu Clan's choice was still within Zhang Tie's expectation. Besides employing myrmidons on his own initiative, many people would recommend themselves to be myrmidons. Many major clans in Taixia Country always had a lot of talented guests, who always

recommended themselves to those major clans. If their talents won the favor of the major clans or they made great meritorious services, they would promote to myrmidons.

Precisely, Zhang Tie was moved by the gray hair of Lu Yishan.

"Well, get up. From today on, you're my myrmidon. Remember to accomplish my tasks sincerely later on. I will treat Lu Clan well!"

"Thanks, Your Majesty!" Lu Yishan made another salute to Zhang Tie before getting up with an excited look.

"Hmm, you can leave for your job..."

Lu Yishan moved backward. Not until he reached the gate did he turn around and leave. Lu Yishan tried his best to move lightly in case that his footsteps reverberated around the hall.

Over 1,000 people could hold a rite or party in the main hall. However, it was empty in the main hall at this moment. The shiny floor made of obsidians could almost reflect his shadow; some huge sandalwood pillars in the main hall gave out the slight fragrance of sandalwood, which filled the main hall.

Not until seeing Lu Yishan off did Zhang Tie let out a deep sigh. He took a cup and had a sip of tribute tea. After that, he stroked the gradually colder smooth surface of the china cup as he lowered his head and entered meditation...

'Being different than Li Tao's decisiveness and dauntless spirit, Lu Yishan is more experienced, steady and meticulous. Therefore, Lu Yishan is also qualified to be my myrmidon. Given the same thing, Li Tao might bring me a surprise; however, Lu Yishan would never make any mistake. Threerocks Construction Business Group had a great power and is qualified to build Class A cities. With such a myrmidon and construction business group, I would have fewer troubles in construction.'

'Lu Yishan is my myrmidon; Lu Yishan's grandson is my

apprentice. Therefore, I'm both the owner and master of Lu Clan. It seems that Lu Clan is indeed longing for standing on my side...'

'Why is Lu Clan so anxious?'

'Besides thinking highly of my prospect and believing in my moral standing, I'm afraid that they also have a sense of crisis like Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi.'

Facing such a situation that all the heroes would like to seek for his shelter, Zhang Tie was not dazzled by the temporary success and overwhelming situation; instead, he still maintained a sober recognition and insight.

Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi saw the coming crisis; Lu Clan saw the coming crisis too. As the catastrophe of bloody figures had spread over Taixia Country, everybody had seen the crisis. Facing such a systematic crisis, all the smart living beings used their instincts to cooperate with each other.

Actually, neither Lu Zhongming and Lin Huanxi nor Lu Clan could have a deeper and sharper recognition about the coming sense of crisis. Because Zhang Tie had long experienced the extermination of many subcontinents before coming to Taixia Country. Zhang Tie witnessed many countries being exterminated and numerous people becoming slaves and walking dead. However, the extermination of Waii Subcontinent was just the appetizer of this holy war.

Zhang Tie also cooperated with Heavens Fortunes Sect and Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

Powerful ones could accompany with loneliness and stars. However, after witnessing how tens of thousands of human knights and demon knights collided with each other fiercely in the Earth-element Realm, Zhang Tie dared not say that he was powerful until now. Sometimes, even an earth knight's life was very trivial. Therefore, he could only seek cooperation with more powerful organizations. Who's the powerful one? Previously,

Zhang Tie was confused about the concept of the powerful one. He felt that his master Zhao Yuan could be a powerful one. However, after coming back from Earth-elements Realm, he had a clearer definition about the concept of powerful one—a person who could survive the besiege of tens of thousands demon knights is qualified as a powerful one.

Zhang Tie realized that he was too far away from that realm.

Now that he was not a powerful one, he could only cooperate with the others.

Like what Elzida told him in the letter, the so-called future was just the combination of numerous possibilities. Future is uncertain. No matter how sharp trump cards did demons have, no matter how worse was the situation facing humans, humans would always have hope as long as it was at the last moment. The option of numerous possibilities in the future was in the hand of the most powerful one.

Zhang Tie insisted on growing more powerful through individual cultivation or uniting with more people.

After settling down and preparing for further development, Zhang Tie found that few people could be trusted on his side as he only paid attention to individual cultivation over these years...

At this moment, Zhang Tie heard the crispy footsteps from the gate of the main hall as he raised his head.

Bai Suxian entered the main hall while swaying her body, "The 2,000 dare-to-die fighters gifted by Lord Guangnan's Mansion have arrived at Xuantian Peak..."

Chapter 1223: Being on the Right Track

As Zhang Tie was sighing inside that he didn't have too many reliable ones on his side, Bai Suxian brought him a good news. What a timely rain...

Zhang Tie immediately sprung up from the chair as he asked happily, "Really?"

"They lived in Xuantian City which was not far from here. Therefore, I brought them here. Why are you so excited?"

"Haha, why not? It's gifted by my elder brother-in-law and could solve my problem urgently." Zhang Tie put his arm around Bai Suxian's waist as he kissed her face, causing a sound 'mu', "My wife is really my good assistant!"

After hearing Zhang Tie's praise, Bai Suxian felt pretty happy as her face became shiny although she said, "Annoying..."

Watching Bai Suxian's enchanting look, Zhang Tie's concern and worry faded away at once. 'I have friends, brothers, reliances, relationships, final shelter and such a good assistant at home, what am I worried for? It's just a holy war. I will always have a countermeasure. Who cares!'

"Let's go, we will take a look at them!" Zhang Tie said in a spirited way.

"Look at what?"

"Of course those dare-to-die fighters!"

"Let them come in for your review!" Bai Suxian looked around the Ancestral Shrine Palace as she nodded, "It's spacious here. It could hold 2,000 people if they stand close to each other. Now that those people had been gifted to you, as dare-to-die fighters, they have to attend a ceremony to recognize their owner without any disturbance. This place is suitable for them!"

"An owner recognition rite?" Zhang Tie asked out of curiosity.

"Of course, dare-to-die fighters should recognize their owner. If not, anyone could command them. Who dare put such people on their side?" Bai Suxian said with an arrogant look, "The Goldensand dare-to-die fighters trained by Lord Guangnan's Mansion are famous across Taixia Country!"

"Great, I'd like to a look at them!" Zhang Tie said in an expectant manner.

Zhang Tie knew that his elder brother had controlled a small country in Chaosang Subcontinent called Immortal Wind Country. Zhang Yang favored this country because this country could train blood-tied dare-to-die fighters. It's difficult to train dare-to-die fighters. Dare-to-die fighters being trained in different secret methods had different abilities. According to Zhang Yang, Immortal Wind Country could only train hundreds of blood-tied dare-to die fighters a year; additionally, it would take them even 10 more years to train a batch of blood-tied dare-to die fighters. The first batch of blood-tied dare-to-die fighters being trained by Immortal Wind Country for Jinwu Business Group and Zhang Yang would be available next year.

The 2,000 Goldensand dare-to-die fighters was definitely a great gift.

Finding that Zhang Tie was so expectant about those Goldensand dare-to-die fighters, Bai Suxian clapped.

After Bai Suxian's clapped, two wrinkled old men in black robes and odd-looking animal horn hat entered the main hall, followed by teams of people, male and female, old and young.

Zhang Tie looked at those blood-tied dare-to-die fighters and found that they were nothing different than normal people. All of them were spirited with clear eyes. Most of them were about 30 years old. Few of them were old with a gray beard. A small part of them was at their 40s and 20s.

These people were well disciplined. They were well coordinated in actions. 2,000 people stood still and tidily in the main hall without any noise.

After the 2,000 people entered, the main hall finally became full and vigorous.

"Princess, Master, all the blood-tied dare-to-die fighters have arrived!" The two weird old men came to the front of Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian before telling them respectfully.

"There're males and females, old and young, your elder brother told me that they were craftsmen home slaves trained in accordance with the orthodoxy of dare-to-die fighters, what can they do for us?" Zhang Tie asked Bai Suxian.

"Craftsmen and home slaves are inferior to dare-to-die fighters." Bai Suxian told the two old men, "You can make an introduction about them to us!"

"Yes, princess! Among the 2,000 people, there are 1,700 males, 300 females. Among the males, there're 300 LV 6 fighters, 200 LV 7 fighters, 100 LV 8 fighters, 50 LV 9 assassins and 850 craftsmen such as blacksmiths, tailors, tool-makers, gardeners, cobblers, carpenters, accountants, doctors, stewards, farmers, difference engine operators, engineers and clerks. Among the 300 females, there are 100 female fighters from LV 6 to LV 9, who could serve as maids and use remote-sensing crystals; the 200 females include gardeners, embroidery workers, cooks, actresses, music masters, nurses and accountants. Over 150 of them could master many jobs!"

Zhang Tie was really shocked by such dare-to-die fighters.

"What's the difference between Goldensand dare-to-die fighters trained by Lord Guangnan's Mansion and the blood-tied dare-to-die fighters trained by the Immortal Wind Country in Chaosang Subcontinent?"

"Goldensand dare-to-die fighters trained by Lord Guangnan's Mansion maintain their spirits and intelligence. They are nothing different than commoners. Each Goldsand dare-to-die fighter could make increasingly greater achievement through constant development on the road that they choose. However, if you want any one of them to die for you, they would never hesitate to do that!" Bai Suxian explained, "Those blood-tied dare-to-die fighters trained by the Immortal Wind Country in Chaosang Subcontinent are nothing but sh*t among the dare-to-die fighters in Taixia Country. Those blood-tied dare-to-die fighters would lose a part of their spirit and intelligence after they were trained well. Therefore, they could barely gain too much development and achievement in their own way. Although they're loyal to their owner and won't do harm to the owner, they could only serve as cannon fodders and tools to threaten others. Nevertheless, it would be very difficult for them to do something else or enter higher stages. Additionally, only males could be trained as blood-tied dare-to-die fighters. Those blood-tied dare-to-die fighters are very inferior fighters. Why do you ask about this?"

After hearing Bai Suxian's words, Zhang Tie became speechless. Of course, Bai Suxian didn't know that his elder brother had controlled the Immortal Wind Country in Chaosang Subcontinent and could have them train blood-tied dare-to-die fighters. Therefore, her comment about blood-tied dare-to-die fighters was reliable. However, those who could train dare-to-die fighters in Taixia Country were not ordinary people or clans. Zhang Yang had spent a lot in controlling a small country that could train dare-to-die fighters. As a knight princess of Lord Guangnan's Mansion, Bai Suxian was picky; however, it didn't mean that what she didn't speak highly of wouldn't do any help to Zhang Tie.

"When I was screwed a few years ago, my elder brother controlled the Immortal Wind Country in Chaosang Subcontinent in case of possible dangers. I was told that Immortal Wind Country could train dare-to-die fighters!" Zhang Tie told Bai Suxian

honestly.

Bai Suxian stuck her tongue out in a cute way as she patted her chest and said, "Ahh, if so, I couldn't say that in front of your elder brother!"

"Hoho, glad that you know it. Aww, is it very difficult to train these Goldensand dare-to-die fighters?"

"Of course, difficult. Even Lord Guangnan's Mansion could only train about 1,000 Goldensand dare-to-die fighters a year. These people are two years' work of Lord Guangnan's Mansion!"

"How do they recognize their owner?"

"Just do as they tell you. It's an easy rite!" Bai Suxian said as she moved to one side, "After a while, only you could stand here. They could only see you. I will wait for you on one side!"

Zhang Tie nodded.

Under Zhang Tie's curious gaze, one of the two weird old men turned over his hand as he took out a strange tree-stool shaped podium like thing whose diameter was over 1 m from his portable space-teleportation item and put it in front of Zhang Tie; closely after that, he took out a banner which was covered with weird runes and inserted it on the back of the tree stool; besides, one side of the banner was black, the other was red. After that, he took out a necklace which was composed of a wild animal's skull and passed it to Zhang Tie. He made a hand gesture to have Zhang Tie put it on his neck. After that, he requested Zhang Tie to stand on the tree stool.

The other old man took out a closed shell from his sleeve and passed it to Zhang Tie before saying, "After a while, when we leave and blow the wooden flute, you should open your bone shell. After that, break your finger and drop some blood onto the little round black ball in the bone shell. Stand here still for a while; when they open their eyes, this rite would come to an end!"

"So easy?"

The old man nodded.

Zhang Tie then replied, "No problem!"

The two weird old men then walked away. When they reached the edge of the team of 2,000 people in the main hall, one old man took out a verdant flute from his sleeve and blew some strange melodious tones. When the melodious tones reverberated around the main hall, all the 2,000 dare-to-die fighters widely opened their eyes suddenly and gazed at Zhang Tie who was standing on the podium. Their eyes were extremely clear and a bit confused just like that of babies who had just come to the world. Being attracted by Zhang Tie, they all watched him out of curiosity.

Zhang Tie was shocked as he hurriedly opened that bone shell. There was indeed a little black round ball in the bone shell. Zhang Tie broke his finger by teeth and dropped some blood onto that little black round ball.

Strangely, when Zhang Tie's first drop of blood fell onto the black round ball, a part of the round black ball had turned golden. When Zhang Tie's 4th drop of blood fell onto it, the entire round ball turned golden. After that, the golden round ball dispersed into golden sands and flew towards those dare-to-die fighters.

Of course, they were not golden sands, but bizarre winged insects who were as tiny as sands. There were totally 2,000 such insects. All of them flew to the places below the nostrils of those dare-to-die fighters before drilling into their nostrils like being absorbed in...

Under the gaze of lotus-flower eyes, closely after those insects flew into the nostrils of those dare-to-die fighters, they drilled into the same strange place in their brain. After that, they all stayed still and turned gray as if they had become one part of their brain. Thanks to his lotus-flower eyes, Zhang Tie could see through this process carefully. If not, even if he cut open those dare-to-die

fighters' bodies and looked for the insects inch by inch, he couldn't find anything abnormal.

All the 2,000 dare-to-die fighters in the main hall had closed their eyes.

However, 1 minute later, all of them opened their eyes and looked at Zhang Tie who was standing on the podium in a strange make-up, their eye light became completely different than that when they entered the main hall just now.

Zhang Tie had ever seen the same kind of eye light from the eyes of those pious believers of Ancient God Church and those people whom Zhang Tie had saved by teleporting them into Castle of Black Iron. The eye light indicated that they believed and relied on Zhang Tie unconditionally and could sacrifice themselves for Zhang Tie at any time like how fish felt when they saw the ocean and how sons felt when they saw their fathers.

"Owner!" 2,000 dare-to-die fighters shouted in unison as they all bowed deeply towards Zhang Tie.

'How sharp Goldensand dare-to-die fighters!' Zhang Tie let out a sigh with emotion, 'Such a training method is really something!'

At this moment, Zhang Tie recalled some special animal controlling means, which had been spread among humans before the Catastrophe. In that age, humans mainly adopted such means to train military dogs and police dogs. As these military and police dogs were trained by professionals in professional bases, they were fierce in nature. Therefore, when these well-trained military and police dogs were handed to polices and troops, the trainers of these military dogs and police dogs would hold an "owner recognition rite" with the receivers of these military and police dogs so that these dogs could be more obedient to their receivers. Usually, the receivers of those dogs would provide a private item which carried their odor such as key cases, hats and velvets for the trainers. Trainers of military and police dogs could have these dogs fully

follow the orders of the new owners through the special odor in some special means.

Similarly, the so-called owner recognition rite of dare-to-die fighters was essentially a process which was required to control people who were more senior than dogs. Therefore, it should be more effective in the greater secret method.

Zhang Tie got off the podium and returned the weird necklace and the bone shell to the two old men of Lord Guangnan's Mansion.

"How long will the effect of this rite last?"

"Generally, forever, unless someone among them promotes to knights. However, by then, I think that master would have better methods to have a knight follower your order piously!"

Zhang Tie nodded as he looked around the over 2,000 pairs of eyes which were fixed on him. All of a sudden, he burst out into laughter...

With 2,000 dare-to-die fighters, Xuantian Feng became vigorous at once. Everyone carried out their own responsibilities accordingly. Iron-Dragon Sect finally looked like a major sect while everything went smooth.

At least, Zhang Tie finally had professional guards and maids; otherwise, he would always feel embarrassed having some female disciples on his side.

Zhang Tie didn't keep all the 2,000 dare-to-die fighters in Iron-Dragon Sect. He selected 300 people from them and had them report to Zhang Gui. They would follow Zhang Gui's orders and look after his family members in Jinwu City. As for those 1,700 dare-to-die fighters in Iron-Dragon Sect, Zhang Tie allocated duties to them respectively. In this way, Zhang Tie controlled the entire Iron-Dragon Sect at once.

3 days later, after ending his first tour inspection of Fire-Dragon

Bounty Territory, Donder returned to Iron-Dragon Sect. After being told that Zhang Tie got 1,700 dare-to-die fighters who had various talents, Donder immediately selected 30 young females from them and purchased a batch of remote-sensing communications devices so as to found the first Master's Intelligence Agency in Iron-Dragon Sect. In this way, each command of Zhang Tie could be delivered to all the Local Representatives Committee in each city being affiliated to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory precisely and timely through authoritative channels.

After Zhang Tie returned to Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory for 1 week, everything in Iron-Dragon Sect and Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory had gradually been on the right track; Zhang Tie gradually ruled the Iron-Dragon Bounty Territory and Iron-Dragon Sect.

The master of Wang Clan of Yushun Palace in Ning'an City also became the 3rd myrmidon that Zhang Tie received in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory.

Additionally, only after a few days, the news that "an iron bird flew in the sky" outside Xuantian City and Zhang Tie had invented "Fiery Oil" had shocked the entire Taixia Country once again.

When Taixia became bustling and shocked by the changes in Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory, Zhang Tie received the news that the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire had left the harbor for Sacred Iceland Kingdom from Pontiff Sarlin through the remote-sensing crystal.

After one winter's preparation, Sacred Light Empire's expeditionary corps which was said "to shatter Sacred Iceland Kingdom" finally set off their harbor towards Sacred Iceland Kingdom.

One day before they set off the harbor, the last warning that Sacred Light Empire delivered to Sacred Iceland Kingdom arrived

at Saint Petersburg.

Sacred Light Empire requested Sacred Iceland Kingdom to surrender to them unconditionally; abandon resistance in any terms; disband Ancient God Church; hand over all the "heretics" who joined the assassination of the chief priest of Sacred Light Empire; pay an astronomical compensation and kneel down for the arrival of the special envoy of Sacred Light Empire...

Of course, Saint Petersburg refused them. Therefore, on the second day, the expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire set off the harbor for Ice and Snow Wilderness...

Chapter 1224: The Turmoil in Ewentra Archipelago

In late March, the cold wind from the Devil North Wind Belt in Ice and Snow Wilderness blew over Oro Strait all the way to the south. When it reached 600 more miles in the south of Saint Herner Island and arrived at Arkray Island, it had turned mild. The cold in the wind couldn't be sensed anymore.

As the most prosperous big island in Ewentra Archipelago, the hub that linked the north part and south part of Ewentra Archipelago and the political center of the entire Ewentra Archipelago, Arkray Island covered over 2,400 square miles. The autonomous parliament of Ewentra Archipelago was founded in Arkray Island.

In Ewentra Archipelago sea area, those islands which were larger than Arkray Island were not as prosperous as Arkray Island; those islands which were smaller than Arkray Island couldn't match Arkray Island in the background. The greater part of time-honored major sects which built up fortunes in commerce and trade across Ewentra Archipelago originated from Arkray Island. Therefore, Gantiadu Island and Sinira Island didn't become the political center of Ewentra Archipelago; Saint Herner Island was defeated by Arkray Island too.

The wind from Ice and Snow Wilderness had turned as warm as a spring breeze; however, another cold current from Western Continent sent the entire Arkray Island into cold as if the winter had arrived.

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After receiving the news that the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire on Western Continent had set off the harbor, the atmosphere of the entire sea area of Ewentra Archipelago grew increasingly intenser. As the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light

Fleet gradually approached Ewentra Archipelago, the entire Arkray Island was troubled by surging evil forces; especially the autonomous parliament of Ewentra Archipelago.

On March 26, the members of autonomous parliament were in a quarrel in the conference hall only for voting the Act on the Mobilization for the Duel .

As the members of the autonomous parliament had a great difference in views, Ms. Olina the president of the parliament let the two parties carry out a public debate.

The so-called public debate was just an orderly quarrel.

"Gentlemen, we have received the news from the Maritime Council yesterday. The expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Fleet has already arrived at Sukbi Sea Gulf 2 weeks ago. They are accomplishing the final replenishment. Based on the speed of the expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire, as you know, they would probably arrive at Ewentra Archipelago sea area on the same day next month as it is only fewer than 20,000 nautical miles. At most mid Friday, a powerful fleet would arrive. As members of Sacred Iceland Kingdom, of course, we're obligated to resist the invaders. However, the problem is that is our resistance meaningful? What's the meaning of our resistance? Will the result be different than treating more fellows as cannon fodders?"

Right then, a gentleman at his 50s expressed his opinion on the rostrum, spraying his saliva in all directions. This man was Levins Hill, the clan head of Levins Clan on Bali Island and the member of Ewentra Archipelago Autonomous Parliament.

Perhaps, he had less chance to make a speech here, Levins Hill looked a bit thrilled. In the former quarrel, this old man's hair looked a bit disordered; if not Ms. Olina had guards break in and separate the two parties timely, these gentlemen might have long started to make a boxing show due to the excitement.

Levins Hill was the one who mostly opposed the Act on the

Mobilization for the Duel . It was out of people's imagination more or less; however, it was still understandable. Because everybody across Ewentra Archipelago knew the relationship between Levins Clan and Renard Clan on Bali Island. Levins Hill was a dog, a graceful dog of Connar, the clan head of Renard Clan.

Connar was always silent in the conference hall. However, everybody knew that Revins Hill had spoken everything for Connar.

Of course, the attitude of Levins Clan was as same as that of Renard Connar.

Although Levins Hill was speaking out of excitement, many members of autonomous parliament below didn't look at him at all; instead, they peeped at Connar who was closely below the rostrum of the president.

Like usual, Connar still wore a suit of exquisite gray Western-style clothes as the deputy president of the autonomous parliament. Connar's grey-brown hair was combed well. Under the light of the ceiling fluorite lamp, his hair was shiny with delicate, waxy light. Even flies would slip on his hair.

Connar watched Levins Hill calmly in a glassy-eyed way. The same fluorite lamplight outstood this man's hooknose and strongly defined and a stubborn chin. The two deep eye sockets were like pitch-dark pits while the eyesight in the deep pits was confusing and profound.

Ms. Olina was sitting on a higher rostrum behind Connar in a black silk languette and a delicate, simple and elegant makeup. Perhaps because she had delivered and suckled babies, Ms. Olina looked more mature and feminine. She was brilliant. In each conference, those members of autonomous parliament who peeped at her in the public would be fascinated by Ms. Olina's charm.

The sexy fox who was well-known across Ewentra Archipelago had already become the president of the Ewentra Archipelago

Autonomous Parliament. Navyblue Castle Business Group grew increasingly prosperous. An extremely charming mature widow being set off by power and wealth would make men feel being convinced. However, all the men could only stand it because they all knew whom did this woman belong to.

Like Connar, Ms. Olina who was sitting on the highest position also maintained a calm look; besides, she also looked a bit tired as everybody knew that this woman had made her full efforts these days in order to respond to the coming expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire.

Many male members of parliament would be fascinated by the look of Ms. Olina. Only very few people noticed that Ms. Olina was wearing a luxuriant purely black longuette with a silver diamond brooch on her breast.

"...The expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire assigned 2 throne priests and 5 major priests from the eastern parish. How could Sacred Iceland Island resist such a great power? Is that useful for all of us to fight them? Levins Hill loudly repeated the worst news that everybody else had known; although the others disliked him, they couldn't refute him.

"According to you, do we just put up our hands and wait for being arrested?" Bell Filis on the other rostrum asked him out of fury, "Do you mean that we have to give up resistance because of the power of the enemy? Do we also give up resistance if our enemy is a demon? If so, what about the face of His Majesty? You're a treason!"

After old Bell resigned as the member of autonomous parliament, his grandson had taken over his position and become a member of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament.

The relationship between Bell Clan in Saint Herner Island and Ms. Olina who came from the same island was universally known.

This Act on the Mobilisation of the Duel could almost be regarded

as a duel between the president and the deputy president of the Ewentra Autonomous Parliament.

No matter what, junior Bell was a bit young. Levins Hill caught the loophole in junior Bell's furious question at once as he revealed a smile.

"I'm doing this according to the opinion of His Majesty. Mr. Bell must remember the nature of Ewentra Mixed Fleet. According to the agreement, it served as the local garrison fleet. Over these years, the expenditure of Ewentra Mixed Fleet was always allocated by our autonomous parliament. Unless being invaded by demons, the Ewentra Mixed Fleet should be led by the Ewentra Autonomous Parliament. That's why I oppose the Act on the Mobilisation of the Duel . Besides exploiting the command of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament regarding the fleet, this act also extracts the overall strength across Ewentra Archipelago and put it into a hopeless war. This violates the agreement that we have made with His Majesty. If we pass this act, we're betraying the country and His Majesty in a foolish way. I oppose passing this act because I want to save Ewentra Archipelago and preserve the reputation of His Majesty..."

Levins Hill was eloquent on the rostrum. His words beautified himself; meanwhile, he splashed a basin of dirty water towards junior Bell.

The entire conference hall was in an uproar at once as both parties were blaming the opposition for betraying the country. It was already a very serious diction; additionally, from the result of the debate, Levins Hill seemingly took the wind.

Levins Hill behaved pleasantly.

"You b*stard and coward!" Bell Filis was driven mad as he directly jumped over the rostrum and punched at Levins Hill's face. Levins Hill dodged away; as a result, Bell Filis punched at Levins Hill's shoulder. The two people then started to wrestle with each other

and fell down at the same time. A great number of members of parliament hurriedly rushed and swarmed up to pull them apart, causing the spot to be chaotic once again...

In the chaos, the president knocked the wooden block by hammer at the rostrum for 3 times. After that, junior Bell and Levins Hill were pulled apart.

Levins Hill looked embarrassed in messy hair. There was a bruise on his face; additionally, junior Bell lost two buttons with two footprints on his trousers.

"As members of parliament have a great divergence in views. We could barely reach an agreement. We will not vote on the act today. Let's continue tomorrow, adjournment!" Ms. Olina said helplessly as she stood up and put down the long hammer. After throwing another glance at the spot, she left the rostrum quietly.

Connar was lowering his head and putting his documents in order. However, when he raised his head, his mouth corners slightly rose.

Chapter 1225: Name List of the Dead

After walking off the rostrum of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament, Ms. Olina left the conference hall through a professional tunnel being isolated by dark-colored birch railings on the opposite of the seats of the members of parliament.

As the president of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament, Ms. Olina worked in the plaza of the parliament. Of course, she enjoyed all the privileges here.

When Ms. Olina walked to the gate, two guards opened the door. The conference hall was still noisy until Ms. Olina left there.

The adjournment of this conference didn't mean that the disputes and divergences had come to an end. Conversely, given the situation in the conference hall, the divergences and conflicts between major clans inside Ewentra Archipelago were already in the open and were becoming increasingly fiercer. In the past few years, at least before the news that Sacred Light Empire's expeditionary fleet set off the harbor for Sacred Iceland Kingdom was confirmed, the inside of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament was always in peace. However, since the news that Sacred Light Empire's expeditionary fleet set off the harbor for Ewentra Archipelago was spread across Ewentra, the atmosphere inside the Ewentra Autonomous Parliament had gradually changed. Today, the act was like a fuse which detonated the bomb in Ewentra Autonomous Parliament, causing undercurrents and turmoils to reach their climaxes at once.

Not until the gate was closed did the noise disappear.

Behind that gate, there was a quiet passage, which was paved with thick, soft and luxurious camel hair carpet from Manla Empire in the Western Continent. Both sides of the passage were adorned with fresh flowers. After the gate was closed, the inside and outside were utterly different.

Watching Ms. Olina coming in, Ms. Olina's beautiful female assistant behind the gate helped Ms. Olina put on a top-quality fox-fur cappa. After that, she accompanied Ms. Olina to walk towards her office.

"Madam, Bishop Maxim has just arrived here half an hour ago. He's waiting for you in Navyblue Hall."

The assistant of Ms. Olina wore a pair of wire-rimmed glasses, a suit of pale blue professional clothes with a briefcase in hand. She followed Ms. Olina towards the end of this passage.

"Hmm, I know, let's go there!" Ms. Olina said as she let out a sigh all of a sudden. At the same time, she looked at the beautiful and capable female assistant on her side and asked, "Dalina, what sort of behavior do you think is silliest? Although those men look smart, why do they always make mistakes at such a critical moment?"

The beautiful bartender that Zhang Tie encountered in the bar of the cruise ship Narwhal had already become one of the assistants of the president of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament after graduating from Sinira Business College. After so many years, Dalina's innocence and naivety had faded away; instead, she became more beautiful and capable.

"Men's silliness is mostly related to their greed!" After graduating from Sinira Business College, Dalina had a short marriage which lasted fewer than half a year. After being betrayed by his husband, Dalina became as independent as Ms. Olina. After hearing this question, Dalina immediately expressed her feeling calmly. Putting her glasses a bit upward, she ironized, "Men are always greedy; they always expect to go fishing on the sea with a broken, small fishing net and catch all the beautiful women and wealth in the world!"

"You're right. However, Bishop Maxim has a famous remark. Under the brilliance of God, reverence is the greatest virtue;

obedience is the greatest wisdom! Perhaps in the eyes of Bishop Maxim, those silly men don't have virtue or wisdom!"

When they talked, they had gone upstairs and arrived at the Navyblue Hall on the first floor.

Dalina stayed in the restroom in the outer hall while Ms. Olina met Bishop Maxim in the inner hall alone.

Watching Ms. Olina entering the inner hall with a silver brooch on her breast, Bishop Maxim let out a sigh, "Madam, you're really thoughtful. Pitifully, those people might not understand your heart. They might be celebrating that they had successfully refuted the act. As long as the dispute about that act lasted for one more month, they would reach their target!"

Black longuette was both elegant and solemn. It could be worn in both the conference room and funeral ceremony. Ms. Olina's brooch was a silver diamond flower.

Pitifully, those silliest people in this world couldn't even understand such a clear hint.

The Act on the Mobilisation of the Duel was absolutely a plot. The one who set this plot was Bishop Maxim. Facing the great crisis, Bishop Maxim who ruled the entire parish across Ewentra Archipelago couldn't stand the undercurrents and the betrayals of some major clans on Ewentra Archipelago. Therefore, he planned to eliminate them by power and blood.

Ms. Olina coordinated Bishop Maxim to set this plot. As a woman who was onto something big at her own efforts in this male-predominated world, as long as she made a decision to do something, even male couldn't imagine how decisive and vicious she was.

It was Ms. Olina's final warning to those silly ones in this suit of black longuette with a silver brooch on her breast. This could reflect her kindness as a woman. However, as long as men were

dominated by greed and silliness, they could see nothing except her look and figure. Whereas, someone might have understood her meaning.

"The names of opponents have been listed. They are almost the 40-odd members of autonomous parliament on the side of Renard Clan. Bishop might have already received that!"

"Yes, I've received the name list after Madam left the conference hall!" Bishop Maxim nodded as he added, "It's almost as same as we've predicted. Renard Clan always has a relationship with their original Renard Clan on Western Continent. This time, Renard Clan has already connected with Sacred Light Empire through their original clan on the Western Continent and reached a privity with each other. Renard Clan is waiting for the arrival of the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire. All the actions of Sacred Iceland Kingdom have been exposed to Sacred Light Empire by Renard Clan!"

"Are you sure?"

"2 weeks ago, we've already caught some detectives near the bases of Northwind Fleet. Through interrogation, all the detectives admitted that they were monitoring the actions of Northwind Fleet. We discovered that those detectives were all related to a business group being affiliated to Renard Clan. In case of frightening the snake, we released those detectives. Therefore, Renard Clan didn't know that they had exposed their intention! If those detectives couldn't prove anything, what happened today in the conference hall could prove everything!"

After hearing his words, Ms. Olina could only let out a sigh as she said, "I really wonder why did they do that? Even though Sacred Light Empire could really annex us, would Renard Clan face a better situation? Connar has been the deputy president of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament, after Sacred Light Empire arrives here, is he dreaming that Sacred Light Empire would keep the autonomous parliament and select him as the president?"

"People are always greedy. They treat the mercy and generosity of His Majesty as the chip and reliance of their shameless betrayal. This is pure blasphemy. How about the Wilis Clan in Gantiadu Island? Their names are not on my name list. Madam, do you think it's necessary for us to add this clan into the name list?"

The members of autonomous parliament who opposed the act on the name list were destined to die. When Ms. Olina left the conference hall, the name list had been fixed. now that they had determined to make a massacre, it was nothing different for Bishop Maxim to increase or decrease a clan in the name list. As a pious believer of Ancient God Church, since the day he promoted to bishop of Ewentra Parish, Bishop Maxim had held another opinion about the Ewentra Autonomous Parliament. In the opinion of Bishop Maxim, under the halos of the Ancient God, Ewentra Autonomous Parliament was simply a group of silly and short-sighted gamblers who manifested their silliness and arrogance in blandishments. This was what Bishop Maxim couldn't stand.

After hearing that Bishop Maxim mentioned about Wilis Clan with a strong killing intent, Ms. Olina shook her head after thinking about it seriously as she said, "Wilis Clan didn't veto the Act today. Many members on the side of Wilis Clan maintained neutral today. I think they've already done well with such a neutral attitude at this moment!"

"It seems that they're not that silly!"

"Bishop, are you confident to clear so many clans?"

"The Northwind Fleet has already entered the military harbor in Fijina Island. They could monitor and frighten those insurgents in Ewentra Mixed Fleet. The moment we moved, Northwind Fleet would disarm some captains who are closely related to Renard Clan and arrest them. Furthermore, Clan head Hags of Sea Bear Tribe has already arrived at Arkray Island with 2,000 sea soul warriors. All the red gloves of the Order Jury have been in place..."

Ms. Olina just listened to Bishop Maxim calmly. She didn't change her facial expression when bishop mentioned Northwind Fleet, the clan head of sea bear tribe and sea soul warriors; only when Bishop Maxim mentioned those red gloves of Order Jury, Ms. Olina slightly frowned as her stomach twitched; she felt like vomiting...

"Now that those guilty ones profaned the mercy of His Majesty, let red gloves teach them how to show respect to His Majesty in the hell-like judgment..."

Chapter 1226: The Red Gloves

In the evening, the Pineneedles Castle where Arkray Clan lived in was covered with flames that surged into the sky. People within dozens of miles could see that.

The castle of Renard Clan was in the core region of Arkray Island, which was also the traditional residential area of those time-honored major clans and rich businessmen. After Ewentra Autonomous Parliament was established, almost 1/6 of the total members of parliament came from this region.

Although there was more than one flame across Arkray Island at the same time, the abnormal situation in Pineneedles Castle was most attractive.

The surging flames were accompanied by muffled harrumphs and miserable shrieks of the guards and all those who dared resist in Renard Clan before death.

The high wall and thick and heavy gate of the outer castle of Pineneedles Castle didn't work at all. The collapse of the outer castle accelerated the extinguishment of the entire Renard Clan.

This was a precise, crucial, efficient and shocking massacre and destruction.

Those who executed this massacre were members of Order Jury of Ancient God Church.

The name Order Jury twisted the tongue; however, everybody across Sacred Iceland Kingdom knew red gloves.

Order Jury was an agency established by Ancient God Church in late years. Before Order Jury appeared, as the trade volumes between Ewentra Archipelago and Western Continent and the surrounding subcontinents surged, the pirates near Ewentra Archipelago and its surrounding sea area entered their heyday too. However, their heyday came to an end soon after the Order Jury

was established.

The batches of heads of those powerful pirates that were exhibited on the citizen square of Arkray Island made red gloves of Order Jury well-known.

Many pirate organizations were exterminated, such as Mad Shark, One-Eyed Jack, Red Sea Monster, Storm Robber, Snake Fang, Black Pearl and Diamond Skeleton...

As those notorious, fierce and brutal pirates were constantly exterminated, the fame of red gloves of the Order Jury of Ancient God Church started to be well-known across Ewentra Sea Area.

All the people who had visited the heads of those pirates on the civic square of Arkray Island would never forget about the remaining, fearful and shocking expressions on the faces of those dead, ferocious and ugly pirates.

Since the Order Jury was established, everybody only had one impression about this agency; namely massacre, silent massacre.

All the pirates which once poured in the northern waters of Waii Subcontinent from all directions like sharks that smelt blood had either turned into corpses or scared too much. They dared never approach 3,000 miles within the waters of Ewentra Archipelago. Additionally, as long as those boats that left off Ewentra Archipelago hung the banner of Ancient God Church, they would not be disturbed by pirates anymore.

The red gloves of Order Jury had not appeared in Arkray Island for over 1 year. It was 1 year ago when the residents on Arkray Island heard the name of the Order Jury for the last time. At that time, Order Jury turned a tribe of over 60,000 barbarians into a dead land like Waii Subcontinent in the east of Sinira Island. The reason lay in that that barbarian tribe killed 2 black-robed clergymen and 1 acolyte of Ancient God Church in the east of Sinira Island.

Many barbarians in Sinira Island believed in Shamanism. The shamans and flamens of that barbarian tribe instigated their fighters to destroy a small church of Ancient God Church in Sinira Island out of animosity. The direct outcome was that the Order Jury of Ancient God Church appeared in Sinira Island and exterminated the entire barbarian tribe, leaving not even one baby.

Previously, arrogant barbarian warriors could be seen in all the harbors of Ewentra Archipelago. When doing businesses with barbarians, many Hua businessmen had suffered losses due to their rudeness. After the massacre, it seemed that all the arrogant barbarian warriors had disappeared while all the barbarians in Sinira Island became mannered.

After over 1 year, those red gloves reappeared in Arkray Island while the targets being judged became the Renard Clan.

The red gloves were in uniform. They all wore a black cloak, on which there was a church badge being embroidered with silver lines. Being round inside and square outside, the badge symbolized the creed of Ancient God Church. Besides, they all wore a pair of bloody gloves, a blank mask, a shirt and overclothes being made of silk and linen. Additionally, there was a chain armor outside the overclothes. Some red gloves were even carrying a metal book which was as thick as door plank and was filled with the words on the Eternal Book .

Those who carried a metal book on their back indicated that they aimed to be ascetics instead of pastors after passing the survival training in the grey palace. Those thick metal pages symbolized the gray granites that were exploited and carried back from the gray hills in Ice and Snow Wilderness to the gray palace. When they carried the thick metal book, it meant that they were always carrying the will of the Ancient God and in arduous training. Such red gloves were more terrifying. The greater the metal book on their back was, the more terrifying they would be. In usual times,

the thick metal book was used to practice their body and will; however, in battle, the thick metal book could be used as a shield or a tool to cut through and destroy others' bodies. Those metal pages were always used together with a heavy hammer, which was in the shape of the heavy hammer that Zhang Tie once used and caused a great shock in Ice and Snow Wilderness.

Those red gloves were so powerful that they could kill enemies silently in a split second. Facing red gloves, the so-called most powerful guards and castle garrison of Renard Clan in Arkray Island fell down in rows, spraying blood in all directions. At the same time, their bodies split into pieces. All of them were cut through like ears of wheat in the field. This was how red gloves fought, also how Zhang Tie led Thor's Hammer to exterminate those demonized puppets in Eschyle City. Because only fragmented demonized puppets were dead for sure and would not pose any threat to alive people. This combat mode had been completely inherited by red gloves.

After breaking through the outer castle of Pineneedles Castle, red gloves entered the inner castle in the blink of an eye.

In the chaos, the guards of Renard Clan hurriedly closed the gate of the inner castle; however, the over 20 m high wall couldn't block the attack of the red gloves at all. Those red gloves in front used metal books to block the first batch of bolts that were shot down from the top of the gate; closely after that, those red gloves behind them rushed forward and stepped onto the hands of the red gloves ahead of them. Those red gloves in front of them then helped them fly onto the wall immediately...

Miserable shrieks and blood then started to spread over the top of the wall once again!

Chapter 1227: Judgment

In the bloody light and miserable shrieks on the wall of the inner castle, a tall red glove released a brilliant battle qi.

That red glove carried the biggest and heaviest metal book among all the red gloves. The brilliant battle qi formed a bloody protective battle qi over that red glove. After shattering the captain of the guards of Renard Clan by hammer, the red glove rushed out of the team from the back and came to the front of the gate of the inner castle. Closely after that, he roared while a battle qi in shape of a huge battle hammer flew out of his battle hammer and struck onto the gate of the inner castle irresistibly.

The gate of the inner castle was broken in a split second. At the same time, a lot of guards of Renard Clan lay down behind the gate while being inserted with sawdust and iron scurfs all over their bodies.

After breaking the gate of the inner castle, the red glove immediately raised his battle hammer and rushed into the gate through the big hole on it. In the blink of an eye, some guards who rushed towards him had been split into pieces.

The other red gloves also poured in from the broken gate. As a result, the inner castle was occupied by red gloves at once.

The inner castle of Pineneedles Castle was then filled with the cries of many women and kids at the same time.

"LV 15 battle spirit? Is this man Dark Saint Sebastian?"

Hags the clan head of sea bear tribe and Bishop Maxim slowly walked into the inner castle while being escorted by a lot of sea soul fighters of Sea Bear Tribe. At this moment, the ground of the inner castle had been covered with blood. The one who asked was Hags. The moment the two people entered the inner castle, they had seen how the red glove destroyed the defense of the inner

castle in the north. Watching such a fierce, intrepid scene, even the clan head of the sea bear tribe quivered his eyebrows out of shock.

"Yes, this man is the head of Order Jury, Dark Saint Sebastian!" Bishop Maxim said calmly as he casually strode over a corpse of a guard whose upper body had been smashed like striding over a quagmire or a pile of lifeless sands without even changing his expression at all. Bishop Maxim let out a long sigh before saying, "Who could imagine that the dark giant of the former Order Jury of Norman Empire in Waii Subcontinent could find his spiritual destination and belief after exiling to Ice and Snow Wilderness. This is God's will!"

"God's will?"

"This is what Sebastian told me. He said that the Eternal Book injected a new soul into his soulless body and the immortal water in the immortal vase purified his bloody hands."

"With such a battle spirit on the back, unless knights, nobody across Arkray Island could threaten Arkray Island anymore!" Hags the clan head of sea bear tribe said casually; however, when he heard the miserable shrieks in the far, his heart pounded unconsciously.

'Previously, as the clan head of sea bear tribe, I was an influential figure in both Ewentra Archipelago Waters and Ice and Snow Wilderness. However, now, this youngest Bishop on my side has already ruled the entire Ewentra Archipelago parish and is on the equal footing with me in Ancient God Church although being not a knight. Additionally, that Dark Saint who's making a massacre in the far will promote to a knight sooner or later. They are new forces inside Ancient God Church outside bear tribes. In the future, with the further expansion of Ancient God Church, there would be more and more ambitious and mighty people like Maxim and Sebastian in Ancient God Church. When the first knight, the second knight even the first cardinal bishop appeared among these

new forces, would the bear tribes over Ice and Snow Wilderness have the same position inside Ancient God Church? Would I and sea bear tribe still be that important in the eyes of that man?'

Ancient God Church's sphere of influence would never be limited to Ice and Snow Wilderness and Ewentra Archipelago Waters forever. Actually, since Ancient God Church rooted in Sacred Iceland Kingdom a few years ago, over 90% of the population across Sacred Iceland Kingdom had become the followers of Ancient God Church. These followers included sailors, businessmen, fighters, craftsmen etc.. Those sailors and businessmen who believed in Ancient God Church spread over due to the marine trade between Sacred Iceland Kingdom, the surrounding subcontinents and Western Continent. These followers would always carry Eternal Book wherever they were. When they came to those countries and religions which had a great tolerance for religions, they would spread the doctrine and legends of God's manifestations of Ancient God Church over there.

Eternal Book was magical. The God's manifestations that had been witnessed by tens of thousands of people were more shocking; especially in the holy war, when more and more people who were vacant about the future and started to look for their home of soul and a peaceful and tranquil life, everything about Ancient God Church became as brilliant as a torch in the dark, which could attract more and more people to charge at it desperately.

3 years ago, Hadela Glacier Crack in the south of Ice and Snow Wilderness had become the holy land when the first batch of people came there for pilgrimage from the Western Continent. From then on, more and more people came to Hadela Glacier Crack for pilgrimage from other countries on other continents and subcontinents. Over the past two years, due to the increasing number of pilgrims from Eschyle City to Hadela Glacier Crack, a golden commercial corridor had been established on this line. The

cardinal elders' committee of Saint Petersburg was considering building a railway for pilgrimage from Eschyle City to Hadel Glacier.

In this situation, the position of Gray Palace was growing increasingly higher. Those holy vats on the square of the Grey Palace which could be worshiped and touched by people regardless of the weather in the past could only be touched by people who had passed the Grey Palace Practice on specific days now. As for the holy vases, they became the top treasure of the Ancient God Church...

Last year, some businessmen of Sacred Iceland Island had invested in building two palaces of Ancient God Church in Weese Commerce Business Alliance on the Western Continent and a harbor in Tanguang Subcontinent. The Grey Palace had already officially assigned a powerful halos bishop to each of the two palaces, who would be responsible for preaching and imparting the doctrine of Ancient God Church in the two places.

The transmission speed of religion and belief couldn't be measured in usual ways. What could match the transmission mode of religion was multi-level marketing in commerce. A powerful multi-level marketing organization could cover tens of millions of people in a few months. Nobody could imagine how would Ancient God Church's seeds in those subcontinents and on the Western Continent grow in a few years or 10 while being driven by those halos bishops who dreamed for being the 2nd even the 3rd Bishop Maxim.

Although Sacred Iceland Kingdom was limited in land and territory, the power of religion and belief was limitless and borderless.

Sacred Light Empire's expedition might not only be for avenging and occupying Sacred Iceland Kingdom, but it was also related to religion. Sacred Light Empire had already sensed the threat that Ancient God Church posed to Sacred Light Empire.

Bishop Maxim didn't know that the clan head of sea bear tribe and Hags, who were on the equal footing with him in Ancient God Church, could recall the current situation facing Ancient God Church and have a strong sense of crisis and urgency inside after hearing his words.

Hags had even predicted that Ancient God Church as a whole would welcome its heyday in a few years if Sacred Iceland Kingdom and Ancient God Church could tide over the coming catastrophe caused by Sacred Light Empire.

'Unless sea bear tribe and I become more and more important and irreplaceable in that man's eyes, sea bear tribe and I would finally be trivial in the entire system of Ancient God Church.'

In this world, all the abilities were replaceable, except for loyalty!

Watching the solemn longuette on Bishop Maxim which represented the identity of an archbishop, clan head Hags of sea bear tribe suddenly regretted that he didn't put on his longuette as an archbishop at this moment.

Like all the other clan heads of bear tribes in Ice and Snow Wilderness, Hags only wore his longuette which indicated his identity of an archbishop when in Saint Petersburg or Grey Palace. As for these clan heads, if they admitted and advocated their identities in Ancient God Church in their own tribes, it was equal to strengthening the authority of Saint Petersburg and Grey Palace in their own tribes. These clan heads who had been accustomed to be the boss of their own clan couldn't adapt to it in a short period.

When Bishop Maxim and Hags, who were worried about something, entered the inner castle of Pineneedles Castle, they saw Dark Saint Sebastian fighting another LV 15 battle spirit.

Their sphere of range of their combat was very large. No red gloves or guards of Renard Clan dared approach them within 100 m.

The red gloves' strike was stagnated here for the time being.

"Who's that man?" Hags asked while narrowing his eyes.

That man who was fighting Sebastian had fully pale beard and hair in a loose robe which indicated that he might be in secluded cultivation when the battle started. However, that man's nose, chin and deep eye sockets were similar to Connar.

"This guy should be the former clan head of Renard Clan, also Connar's grandfather!" Maxim said slowly after looking at that person for a short while.

"No wonder Renard Clan dare rise in rebellion; it turns out that this old guy has already promoted to a battle spirit. If he continues to cultivate, he might be the first knight of Renard Clan in 10-20 years!" Hags shook his head, "Pitifully, this man's battle strength is a bit weaker than that of Dark Saint. If there's enough time, the battle would come to an end in a few hours..."

"The earlier the battle ends up, the less chaotic would Arkray Island be!" Maxim said while looking at Hags, "There're Renard Clan's members in the garrison of Arkray Island. If the garrison saw this situation, they might rise in rebellion!"

"My sea soul fighters wouldn't let the garrison of Arkray Island leave their camp. The battle here would come to an end soon!"

As Hags said, he flew towards the two people as fast as a lightning bolt...

It was a siege and slaughter; instead of a contest in the ring. After Hags joined the battle for 30 seconds, the former clan head of Renard Clan roared in grief and indignation before being punched into blood foam by Hags.

It was worth mentioning that Sebastian didn't withdraw from the battle in the entire process; instead, he attacked the former clan head of Renard Clan together with Hags. It seemed that nothing was more important than killing the opponent at the

fastest speed in the eyes of this Dark Saint...

The red gloves finally entered the core region of Renard Clan.

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The garrison in Arkray Island included 4,000 people. The encampment of the garrison was less than 6 miles away from Pineneedles Castle. When the flames in Pineneedles Castle shot into the sky, emergency clarino had drifted in the encampment of the garrison. In less than 5 minutes, when the garrison was ready to rush out of their encampment, they found that their encampment had been blocked by people.

It was 2,000 sea soul fighters of sea bear tribe who blocked the garrison.

Sea soul fighters were the elites of the sea bear tribe. Each sea soul fighter was at least LV 6 and had to grasp the skill of going berserk and the secret methods to control mutated sharks in the ocean. Being equal to the amphibious assault troop of sea bear tribe, sea soul fighters were the trump cards of sea bear tribe. Sea bear tribe could only get over 2,000 sea soul fighters. Besides a small part of them staying in the base of sea bear tribe, almost all the sea soul fighters had sallied forth in full strength in order to fight the expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire in the periphery of Ewentra Archipelago.

"At the order of the Cardinal Elders Committee in Saint Petersburg, sea bear tribe assist Bishop Maxim to wipe out rebels in Arkray Island. The garrison in Arkray Island couldn't leave your camp today!" General Shirokov of sea bear tribe said at the gate of the encampment of the garrison as he watched those officials in the garrison icily.

All the officials of the garrison changed their faces at the same time. Many officials turned their eyes onto the chief official of the garrison.

That chief officer who was being gazed looked gloomy. After looking at the flames in Pineneedles Castle, he gritted his teeth and shouted loudly all of a sudden, "Don't believe him. The garrison of Arkray island only follows the order of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament. Our duty is to protect Arkray Island from being violated by enemies..."

"This is the order of Ewentra Autonomous Parliament. They order you to stay in the encampment tonight..." Shirokov explained as he presented a prerogative order to the officials of the garrison of Arkray Island.

"Don't believe him, it's counterfeit..." That chief officer raised his head and shouted once again...

"Tsuang..." with a sound, Shirokov flashed towards that chief officer after drawing his sword blade out of his sheath. The officer felt something wrong as he hurriedly drew out his saber to resist him. In a split second, the sharp longsword broke the chief officer's saber like cutting off a club. When the chief officer widely opened his eyes, the saber had already slid over his neck, sending his head flying away while his blood spurted onto the face of Shirokov.

The brave man of sea bear tribe raised his longsword while widely opening his eyes out of fury. At the same time, he wiped out the blood over his face and roared towards the garrison, which shocked the entire encampment, "This sword was gifted by His Majesty in the parlor of the imperial palace of Saint Petersburg. His Majesty promised me to enter the imperial palace with this sword from then on. Who else wants to try my sword and die for those rebels?"

As Shirokov roared, all the 2,000 sea soul fighters released various battle qi totems, which was at least LV 6 black spider.

Watching this scene, none of the 4,000 people of the garrison dared move anymore.

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"Renard Clan is over; many people are over!" Brightman the clan head of Wilis Clan said in a strange, quivering voice on the top of the wall of Wilis Clan's castle in Arkray Island although being escorted by so many clan warriors as he put down his telescope and watched the flames over 12 miles away, "It's red gloves..."

After hearing the words "red gloves", all the people on Brightman's side felt a chill on their spine; many people quivered unconsciously.

"Clan head, do we need to..." The steward suggested intensely on his side.

"No need!" Brightman's elegant face looked a bit pale; however, he recovered a bit composure, "If Bishop Maxim and those red gloves are targeting at us, it's useless for us to escape now. If even I could escape, what about the other members of Wilis Clan? The Act on the Mobilisation of the Duel in the conference hall was the last chance for Renard Clan to go ashore; however, Connar didn't catch that chance..."

"Clan head, red...red gloves..."

Soon after Brightman's words, a clan guard on his side had quivered all over for a second as he pointed at a walnut grove over 200 m away. A man in mask, cloak and red gloves walked out of the walnut grove with a metal book as thick as a door on his back as he watched those people on the top of the wall quietly.

That red glove just stood there and watched them quietly.

Under the quiet gaze of that red glove, all the members of Wilis Clan felt standing in the chilly wind in the nude on the top of the wall.

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The gate of the Hall of Deliberation of Renard Clan was shattered. At the sight of those red gloves, Bishop Maxim and Hags

behind those red gloves, Connar and the other quivering parliamentary members in the Hall of deliberation had been scared too much that they even suffered from gatism 1 ...

In front of absolute strength and whittle, any plot and conspiracy would become weak and ridiculous.

"Bi...Bishop Maxim, I...I'm just..." A parliament member stammered.

Connar revealed a pale smile as he asked, "Can...can you let those kids and women in the castle go?"

"As you've profaned the mercy and tolerance of His Majesty, what happened today was just a punishment to those blasphemers instead of being a slaughter. All the servants, maids and non-pregnant women who don't share the bloodline with Renard Clan could survive..." Bishop Maxim explained before he wove his hand forcefully...

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That red glove gazed at the castle of Wilis Clan overnight. Although none of the people across Wilis Clan's castle fell down, everybody became flurried overnight.

Not until the sun rose in the next morning did the red glove return to the walnut grove like a shadow who disliked sunshine. At the same time, many people on the top of the wall of the castle of Wilis Clan collapsed to the ground...

Chapter 1228: A Long Rapid Flight

Zhang Tie flew in the upper region of the stratosphere over 60 miles above the sea in Chaos at a high speed...

Zhang Tie had played his flight ability as a divine dominator to the utmost at this moment and reached 8 times the speed of sound in the air, namely about 2,800 m per second and almost 6,000 miles per hour.

A few months ago, when he had just developed the flight ability as a divine dominator in Xuanyuan Hill, he could at most reach 6 times the speed of sound in the air; however, after killing Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong, Zhang Tie promoted to the 4th realm of earth knight and gained a higher overall strength; especially after absorbing the spiritual energy of both Han Zhengfang and Han Yuanhong, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy bulged as he gained a greater flight ability as a divine dominator. He could fly at 8 times the speed of sound in air; actually, almost 9 times the speed of sound.

Such a flight speed was too shocking if it was exposed to the public.

Zhang Tie was accomplishing 3 tasks at the same time.

First, he controlled his altitude, speed and gesture.

Second, Zhang Tie searched over the sea with his lotus flower eyes. At such an altitude in the stratosphere, he could gain the best visual angle over the sea within 600 miles.

Third, Zhang Tie was constantly replenishing his spiritual energy using Thousands of Beads Mental Sutra in his mind.

It would cost him spiritual energy by using the flight ability of divine dominator. However, Zhang Tie's spiritual energy was too strong; additionally, he had grasped the secret method Thousands of Beads Sutra. Therefore, he could constantly replenish his

spiritual energy using Thousands of Beads Sutra when in flight and maintained a relative balance in spiritual energy. In this way, he could greatly increase his flight ability.

According to the current situation, Zhang Tie found that he could maintain his spiritual energy unchanged if he kept flying at the speed 3 times that of the speed of sound while constantly replenishing his spiritual energy using Thousands of Beads Sutra. To a certain degree, he could absolutely fly for one year at the speed 3 times that of the speed of sound; namely, 3 times the speed of sound was his unlimited cruising speed in the sky.

By contrast, it would cost him a bit more spiritual energy by flying at the speed of over 8 times that of the speed of sound. The faster he flew, the greater spiritual energy he would consume. Thousands of Beads Sutra could only replenish about half of the total spiritual energy that he had consumed. Even so, Zhang Tie could still fly for a long time in the sky.

If he didn't replenish his spiritual energy, Zhang Tie could constantly fly about over 900,000 miles for about 7 days at his greatest speed. If he used Thousands of Beads Mental Sutra to replenish his spiritual energy when in flight, Zhang Tie could fly over 1.2 million miles for about 10 days at his greatest speed.

Zhang Tie left Fire-Dragon Bounty Territory the night before last. After over 30 hours' flight, Zhang Tie had flown almost 180,000 miles and arrived at the place over 6,000 miles away in the west of the northern waters of Waii Subcontinent, which led to the Western Continent.

After 2 days' constant flight, Zhang Tie gained a new gnosis about his flight ability as a divine dominator. He could better control his flight using the ability of divine dominator.

At this moment, Zhang Tie was covered by the Chaos which was of a strong killing intent as he was inspecting the waters below like an eagle that was hunting for its prey. After confirming the general

action route of the expeditionary corps and fleet of Sacred Light Empire, Zhang Tie aimed to exterminate this enemy at the greatest speed and in the most vicious, directest, complete and decisive means before this expeditionary corps arrived at the waters of Ewentra Archipelago.

The overall strength of Sacred Light Empire was far greater than that of Zhang Tie. Zhang Tie couldn't shock the entire country.

However, Zhang Tie could also win this war and prevent Sacred Iceland Kingdom from being violated by Sacred Light Empire.

Zhang Tie's method was very direct, namely, he wanted Sacred Light Empire to mistake that there was a shadow knight on the back of Sacred Iceland Kingdom.

Those pastors of Sacred Light Empire would never go against a shadow knight only for occupying Sacred Iceland Kingdom unless they were idiots. As long as they realized that there was a shadow knight on the back of Sacred Iceland Kingdom, they would never start the second expedition. The reason was simple. A billionaire would never snatch a bun at the risk of his life. If this bun was in the hand of a kid which could be easily snatched at a low risk so as to satisfy their appetite, Sacred Light Empire might not mind snatching it. However, now, the one who held this bun became a boorish fellow with a weapon. Would the billionaire snatch that bun at the risk of being stabbed for a few times?

How large was Sacred Light Empire? How large was Ice and Snow Wilderness? What was the population of Sacred Light Empire? What was the population of Ice and Snow Wilderness? The entire Sacred Light Empire had tens of billions of people; its territory was over 5 times that of Blackson Humans Corridor. However, the entire territory of Sacred Iceland Kingdom was only a bit more than 18 million square miles. The Sacred Iceland Kingdom was sharply dwarfed by Sacred Light Empire in both population and land.

How many major pastors and throne pastors would Sacred Light Empire spend only for such a sesame? Would the three supreme halos pastors in the three parishes of Sacred light Empire risk their lives only for Ice and Snow Wilderness?

It was impossible.

Sacred Light Empire had other opponents. Sacred Light Empire didn't get along well with the other major countries on the Western Continent.

Therefore, Zhang Tie had to cut off the claws that Sacred Light Empire stretched towards Ice and Snow Wilderness clearly and completely. Additionally, he needed to fabricate an illusion so that Sacred Light Empire felt that it was a powerful shadow knight, a mysterious shadow knight on the back of Sacred Iceland Kingdom who could beat up those jerk pastors of Sacred Light Empire and destroyed their ambitions.

Zhang Tie was not a shadow knight; however, his battle strength as a divine dominator could match that of a shadow knight to a certain extent.

The expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire only contained 2 throne pastors and 5 chief pastors. If Zhang Tie had just promoted to an earth knight, it would be a bit difficult for him to deal with such a combination; however, after killing Han Zhengfang, Zhang Tie was confident to deal with these knights.

Therefore, no matter what a great stress and chaos had Sacred Light Empire brought to Sacred Iceland Kingdom, Zhang Tie was not worried about that. As long as he had enough battle strength, he could turn crisis into opportunity. In Zhang Tie's opinion, it was a good opportunity for him to remove the external threats facing the Sacred Iceland Kingdom in a long period.

Zhang Tie only had one concern——Where's the enemy?

The sun had risen from the east and made Chaos and the clouds

under his foot golden red. In the early sunlight, Zhang Tie finally caught sight of the huge fleet with the flag of Sacred Light Empire which was cleaving through waves over 600 miles away through the thin clouds.

That fleet was moving towards Ewentra Waters.

At the sight of this fleet, Zhang Tie knew that he had discovered his target. Therefore, Zhang Tie gazed at this fleet firmly in high-speed flight.

Gradually, many apertures like lotus flowers petals appeared in Zhang Tie's pupils one after another. After that, those apertures rotated at different speeds; some of them rotated in a clockwise manner; some in an anti-clockwise manner. Additionally, those apertures were changing their sizes gradually...

With the rotation and change of those apertures in Zhang Tie's eyes, those warships over 600 miles away became increasingly clearer in Zhang Tie's eyes as if they were right under Zhang Tie's foot.

Zhang Tie immediately recognized the flagship of that fleet.

The flagship of that fleet was a huge ship which was longer than 500 m and heavier than 200,000 tons. Being surrounded by the other warships, this flagship was the largest one; additionally, the flagship flag, the 2 flags of throne pastors and 5 chief pastors on the mast of the huge ship also exposed its identity.

Zhang Tie gazed at the flagship with his lotus-flower eyes at once; at the same time, the two lotus-flower shaped apertures in his eyes rotated while the pink apertures turned into pale blue. The huge flagship then became transparent at once. Zhang Tie could see clearly the inside of the huge flagship. Many sailors were going upstairs and downstairs inside the flagship as if they were busy walking in a transparent glass boat. There were many materials on the huge ship. About 30,000 fighters of Sacred Light Empire were living in the cabins in the middle and lower floors of the flagship.

The captain and some officials of that flagship were observing the sea by the telescope in the command room at the prow. In a luxurious room on the highest floor of the flagship, 7 people were enjoying breakfast...

5 of the 7 people wore the same clothes as that of the chief pastor of Sacred Light Empire that Zhang Tie had killed previously——they were in a high golden crown and a robe which was embroidered with suns, moons and stars. By contrast, the other 2 people's robes were brighter while more patterns on their robes represented brightness...

'I got you!' Zhang Tie muttered as he triggered a super hiding rune and a super rapid-moving rune. Closely after that, his speed surged once again as he flashed towards that flagship...

Chapter 1229: Chief Pastors

The 2 throne pastors and 5 chief pastors from the eastern parish of Sacred Light Empire were enjoying their breakfast on the highest floor of the Honor Flagship of the expeditionary corps of Sacred Light Empire...

2 throne pastors were sitting on the two ends of the long dining table; 3 chief pastors were sitting on the left side of the table while the rest 2 chief pastors were sitting on the right side.

A lot of golden dining wares were put on the snow-white velvet tablecloth. Fresh deer blood being immersed in top-class fire-dragon crystals inside the golden goblets which were embedded with gems still carried a bizarre heat...

Sacred Light Empire was a terrifyingly hierarchical country. When there were 2 throne pastors at present, all the other 5 chief pastors could only have breakfast quietly and solemnly and listen to the talk between the two throne pastors even though they were knights. They were forbidden to talk unless the throne pastors asked them to do that.

"The deer blood from the fetus of female deer is most nourishing. I'm really not accustomed to eating a breakfast without any deer fetus' blood..." A slightly fat 60-odd throne pastor slightly shook his head and commented on this breakfast.

After drinking the deer fetus blood, the throne pastor's lips were covered with scarlet blood; compared to the snow-white delicate skin on his face, he looked a bit terrifying.

"Pitifully, the climate of Sukbi Island is not suitable to breed David's deer. Additionally, some female deer that we've replenished in Lexington Harbor have died on the way as they were not suitable to long-distance shipping..." Another throne pastor let out a sigh.

Compared to the first throne pastor, this throne pastor looked elder and thinner. He looked like an old tree which had lost its water for a long time. The loose robe seemed to hang on clothes stand being made of withered twigs. When he stretched out his hand, it looked like a claw that stretched out of a tomb. The bulged blood vessels, meridians and tendons beneath his grey skin were clung to his bones. Those finger rings made of eternal stones seemed like sliding off his fingers at any time.

Anyone who saw this person could feel that this person's vitality was constantly elapsing. If it were another person, they must have long died. Zhang Tie really wondered how he could still be alive and how long had he lived.

That throne pastor who was like a withered old tree threw an admiring and jealous glance at that young throne pastor in the opposite. After that, he scooped up a ladle of golden caviar and sighed, "Thankfully, the caviar of starlight sturgeons are nice. Sukbi Island's seabird eggs are fresh too. On the ocean, they are rare yummy food and could provide us with sufficient life energy..."

"The God says that the source and secret of life lie in the embryos of lives. As God's spokesman on the ground, of course, we're qualified to enjoy the food..."

"We could only wait for the time being. When we arrive at Ice and Snow Wilderness, all the problems would be solved..."

"Whatever, it's just a small place!" The throne pastor whose skin was as delicate and smooth as a girl laughed as he said scornfully, "But I was told that Peter Hamplester is interesting. He fabricated some God's manifestations so as to convince those secular pioneers and Slavs and became famous among them..."

As for these rulers of Sacred Light Empire, nobody in this world knew God's Manifestations better than them. Now that they could reach such high positions, they must have manifested some God's

wills so as to indicate that they were "favored" by the God. Sacred Light Empire had been tired of the most usual manifestations of God's wills such as "statue drops off tears", "identity appeared in one's dream and made a request", "resurrection" and "apocalyptic wisdom". Each year, these God's wills would always be manifested in the three major parishes of Sacred Light Empire in various forms. In those smaller parishes, if the pastors were capable and got along well with the superiors, their superiors would even assign people to support them by providing them with a space-teleportation equipment. Those rustic ones would definitely be shocked by the so-called manifestations of God's wills which were made with the help of portable space-teleportation equipment on some special occasions.

In Sacred Light Empire, obscurantism was a basic national policy. If not reach a certain high class, people could barely touch much knowledge. Take space-teleportation equipment as an instance, space-teleportation equipment could be talked casually in any other countries; however, in Sacred Light Empire, only when a pastor reached a certain class could he touch such a sort of knowledge and talk about it in private occasions. Space-teleportation equipment had another name in Sacred Light Empire——Sacred Item. In this world, all the sacred items were invented by Sacred Light God and were the certificates of the existence of Sacred Light God. This was the "standard knowledge" of space-teleportation equipment in the divinity schools of Sacred Light Empire.

"Lord Mofie, are you interested in Peter Hamplester?"

"I'm interested in those vats of Ancient God Church. My courtyard lacks some containers for watering flowers!" The young throne pastor threw a glance at that elder throne pastor as he said casually, "I was told that Peter Hamplester's kids have their specialties. Those kids are still virgins. I think their blood must contain greater life energy..."

The elder throne pastor's eye light suddenly turned as sharp as a blade as it stabbed onto the face of the young throne pastor. It seemed that the young throne pastor had not noticed that as he just had food and drunk another mouth of deer fetus blood before continuing, "I think Lord Miller must be thirsty about those kids' blood. I don't mean to compete with Lord Miller for them. As for the others..."

"At my age, nothing is meaningful for me except those which could make me younger!" The elder throne pastor said after letting out a sigh.

The young pastor burst out into laughter as he raised his golden glass and said, "Then, hope we have a pleasant cooperation..."

"I'm old, Lord Mofie would definitely have a bright future in the eastern parish!"

The two people clinked their glasses in the air before bottoming up the fresh deer blood.

In the breakfast, the two generals of the expeditionary army of Sacred Light Empire had already reached an important agreement and compromise. They accomplished the division of the most important booties on the Sacred Iceland Kingdom at the dining table. They didn't feel it was improper. This expedition was more like a brilliant armored trip for the two people. Besides the tedious atmosphere on the ship, it was nothing different than having a vacation. Because they had already known that no force across Ice and Snow Wilderness could resist them according to their intelligence.

However, as the expeditionary fleet gradually approached to the Ewentra Archipelago Waters, even though the expeditionary fleet was not afraid of having any head-on collision with the Sacred Iceland Kingdom, they should be precautions. Those heads of this expeditionary fleet mainly talked about how to prevent from the emergencies in the breakfast.

After reaching an agreement on how to divide the spoils, the two major characters felt good. Therefore, they started to discuss the possible problem that they might face.

"It's said that Peter Hamplester was a bit tricky. According to the intelligence, he might be a very powerful animal controlling master and could control a powerful huge deep-sea monster..."

"Huge deep-sea monster could only threaten those below knights. As long as any one of the 7 knights in our fleet launched a strike, Peter Hamplester's huge deep-sea monster would just be a piece of flesh in the plate of our fighters. It's said the flesh of huge deep-sea monster is also very nourishing!"

"There're some disgusting flies on sharks outside our fleet. They're fighters of sea bear tribe from Ice and Snow Wilderness. From today on, we should have people wipe them out each day. Don't let those flies have our spirits dampened. As for knights, this should be an amusement in this boring trip!"

"Huck can do that today. Later on, each chief pastor would be on duty one day by turns. Before our fleet arrives at the Ewentra Archipelago waters, we should maintain our deterrence; otherwise, those hicks in Ice and Snow Wilderness would really think that we're here for a cruise!"

"Yes, Lord!" After hearing his name, one knight instantly cleaned his mouth as he stood up and replied loudly, "I will do that right now. But I have another question. Although these flies could be easily wiped out, what about those merchant ships on the sea? The traces of our fleet would be exposed by those merchant ships every day. It's said that the chamber of commerce on the side of Sacred Iceland Kingdom provides 500 gold coins for each intelligence regarding our fleet. Two lords, do you think we should send those merchant ships to the bottom?"

The young throne pastor looked at the elder throne pastor. After being silent for a short while, he replied, "Most of those merchant

ships came from the Western Continent. If we send them to the bottom, some countries would find an excuse for interfering with our action. They might be waiting for that. What do you feel, Lord Miller?"

Before the old throne pastor opened his mouth, Zhang Tie's thunder-like strike had arrived...

Chapter 1230: More Powerful than a Shadow Knight

Zhang Tie moved too fast. After triggering his super rapid-moving rune, Zhang Tie's speed had reached above 3,000 m per second. Additionally, his qi was completely hidden with the effect of super hiding rune. With such multiple effects, not until Zhang Tie's thunder-like strike arrived at the heads of these heads of the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire did they realize what happened.

Zhang Tie moved so fast that those throne pastors and chief pastors of Sacred Light Empire didn't even have time to make too many movements.

It was out of the imagination of the 7 people in the room that someone dared raided them on the vast ocean.

The dining room was on the highest floor of the flagship. This floor was the fixed resting site of these dignified major pastors. In the strictly hierarchical country, the more influential the figures were, the higher they would live, the closer they approached to the sky and the Sacred Light God on the boat. The higher one's position was, the higher his social status would be and the closer he would be to the deity's realm. This was the life's philosophy of the bigwigs of Sacred Light Empire. Of course, those who were inferior to them couldn't have a pee or shit on their heads; otherwise, they would be sentenced to death for profaning the superiors in Sacred Light Empire.

Because these people were on the highest floor of the flagship, Zhang Tie only needed to penetrate through the roof of the flagship which was as fragile as a piece of paper in his eyes while the power of his battle qi wouldn't even decline by 1/100.

As he wanted an overwhelming effect, Zhang Tie used his most powerful silver secret item 6.8-ton heavy Thor's Hammer, the

same one that he used to attack Han Zhengfang.

As the Thor's Hammer carried the effect of shattering strike and lightning damage, it was suitable to this large-range strike.

Zhang Tie swore that he had not imagined about the effect of this strike.

This hammer not only punched onto the head of Sacred Light Empire which was going to invade the Sacred Iceland Kingdom but also knocked open a gate that led to a wholly new world of cultivation.

When the building on the top floor of the flagship touched the Thor's Hammer which moved at 10 times that of the speed of sound, Zhang Tie's knight's consciousness also reached its upper limit. At this moment, everything around him turned slow...

At this moment, the hard metal building on the top floor of the flagship turned into calm water level. What made Zhang Tie amazed was that the huge hammer seemed like falling onto tranquil mirror-like water in his knight's consciousness. Zhang Tie didn't see the earth-shaking scene; instead, he saw ripples spreading over from the metal structure on the top of the building...

Zhang Tie felt like throwing a stone into water or attacking an illusionary shadow on the water.

There were 7 knights; instead of shadow in the dining room.

Zhang Tie's huge hammer covered all the 7 knights with his berserk battle qi; meanwhile, it carried out an indiscriminate attack.

At this moment, time seemed to be still. Even the two earth knights who had the fastest reactions had not fully released their protective battle qis.

A faint, dumbfounded look froze on the faces of the two throne pastors of Sacred light Empire...

The first item that penetrated through the 7 knights' bodies was not Zhang Tie's Thor Hammer, but those broken pieces of the building materials on the top of the dining room. Most of those building materials were metals; a few of them were broken hard crystals and glasses. All of them had turned into fine pieces and sands and felt onto the 7 knights' heads and bodies as dense as raindrops...

Whatever, they were not raindrops, but tens of thousands of sharp and hard fine objects that moved at 10 times the speed of sound. Even a trivial crystal or glass piece would be more powerful than the most powerful anti-material sniper weapon and the most powerful city-defense steam weapon in this age. Because none of the initial velocities of the bullets that were shot out of that anti-material sniper weapons and those honeycomb-type city-defense steam equipment could reach 10 times that of the speed of sound in the air.

Such a ferocious strike was equal to a close shoot within a few meters by numerous powerful weapons. In a split second, those knights' bodies were penetrated through and wounded by so many high-speed fine solid particles while their brilliant robes became as shabby as the clothes of beggars...

It was only the first damages caused by Zhang Tie's strike.

Closely after that, the "ripple" spread over the air. After being compressed by Zhang Tie's strike, the air started to sweep over the room in form of invisible impact wave at a speed which was far greater than the speed of sound, breaking the dining table and all the luxurious and delicate food on the table into pieces...

After being compressed, the super-sonic impact wave swept over the 7 knights' bodies at the same time, tearing open the wounds on their bodies once again. Those major pastors spurted out blood at once while the shabby robes were completely shattered. As a result, those major pastors were almost naked...

At this moment, all the knights' responses could be calculated by milliseconds even microseconds. It was not excessive to describe their responses with the speed of lightning bolt.

Being collided by the high-speed solid particles and the supersonic air impact wave, commoners would have long been killed. However, those knights of Sacred Light Empire were just injured by that. Even two black iron knights were just severely injured after their heads were penetrated through by iron sands. At this moment, the instinctive responsive speeds of knights were even greater than that of the knights' consciousnesses.

The 2 throne pastors and 5 chief pastors roared at the same time with bloody eyes as they all punched towards the sky at their full efforts...

Zhang Tie's Thor's Hammer touched 6 fists and 8 palms at the same time...

The 6 fists and the 8 palms were broken at the same time; closely after that, the 7 heads were shattered; additionally, the 7 knights' bodies turned into bloody mist; then the entire room was broken into pieces.

Even Zhang Tie was shocked by such a result. Previously, Zhang Tie thought that his first strike could at most kill 2-3 black iron knights. It was out of his imagination that all the 7 knights in the room could be collapsed so easily. Zhang Tie even doubted whether they were knights...

The moment Zhang Tie's Thor Hammer touched the 7 knights, Zhang Tie had sensed that his Thor's Hammer carried a far greater terrifying power than that he could imagine.

'What's wrong? Even if I exert my full effort, I could not have such a great power. But there are 2 earth knights and 5 black iron knights. How could they be killed so easily? My Chaos has not been used.' Zhang Tie was shocked inside. However, he had no time to think too much about that. As he had exerted his full effort, he

didn't mean to stop at all. Therefore, with the great inertia of the Thor's Hammer, Zhang Tie penetrated through that room and fell down...

The steel decks were penetrated through like fragile paper and noodles, sending greater "ripples" and super-sonic impact waves in all directions...

After constantly penetrating through over 20 floors of steel decks of the flagship, Zhang Tie and his hammer entered the sea. They didn't stop until they reached over 3,000 m in the sea, causing a great vacuum space in the sea...

As for the other warships of Sacred Light Empire, the disaster just happened in front of them without any omen.

In the sunny day, the flagship of Sacred Light Empire was completely penetrated through by Zhang Tie in less than 0.1 second...

The directest effect of this strike was thousands of meters deep, great hollow on the ocean. The 20-ton flagship of Sacred Light Empire directly broke into halves. The part of the flagship above water was completely shattered while numerous steel components swept over the sea level within 5,000 m with the initial speed of almost 10 times that of the speed of sound like intensive bullets that were fired by cannons.

The 8 battleships which were protecting the flagship within 600 to 1.2 miles were damaged by those steel bullets firstly...

Closely after that, those compressed seawater around the flagship filled into the great thousands of meters deep hollow in the ocean under the effect of the great counter-effect. In a split second, a billow and tsunami higher than 100 m swept over the huge flagship in an overwhelming manner...

"My God..." A captain of a merchant ship which hung a flag of a country on the Western Continent over 70 nautical miles away

exclaimed at the sight of the 100 m higher tsunami and a billow. Closely after that, his hands quivered and face turned pale as his telescope fell onto the ground...

Chapter 1231: Zhang Tie's Doubt

In less than 2 minutes, the waters around the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire had been in a mess while the entire fleet was in great disaster...

When the flagship broke off, exploded and sunk, the 2 throne pastors and 5 chief pastors along with tens of thousands of elites and all the sailors were killed. Facing such a terrifying power, all the people had been killed before they realized what happened, except for the 7 knights who struggled for a second before death...

Tens of thousands of steel pieces swept over the surrounding 8 battleships in a terrifying, high speed. Even a metal water faucet could easily penetrate through the armor of a battleship and cause a severe damage to the battleship.

After the steel pieces swept over, all the parts above the decks of the 8 battleships were in a mess. Some big holes appeared on the parts below the water of 4 battleships. The diameter of the biggest hole was over 2 m. The keel of a battleship was broken by a steel piece which weighed hundreds of kilograms. With jarring sound caused by twisting steel, this battleship started to sink...

The battleship was filled with cries and wails and badly mutilated bodies...

Many steel pieces even affected the warships in the periphery. Before people responded, the 100 m high billow had swept over...

2 minutes later, only 3 of the 8 battleships were still on the sea. 2 of the 3 had been capsized and were sinking; 1 had lost its driving force and was floating on the sea like a dead fish...

Almost half of the 20-odd troopships and 5 depot ships had been capsized by the huge billows.

The sailors and fighters on the capsized troopships and depot ships were scrambling for lifeboats and life jackets. Those who had

fallen into the water were thrashing water by arms in order to escape away from the turbulence caused by the sinking ships...

Those survivors still didn't know what happened until now...

With another boom, a boiler in the power room at the stern of a troopship suddenly exploded. Nobody knew whether it was damaged by the steel pieces or maloperation. In the boom, the stern of the troopship started to shink; at the same time, its prow started to raise while the crew was jumping off the deck flurriedly like putting dumplings in boiling water. Those pastors and officials on the troopship were scrambling for the only life boats on the ship by saber and sword.

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At this moment, Zhang Tie was deep in water.

Not until the two halves of the 200,000-ton huge flagship reached thousands of meters deep in the sea on Zhang Tie's side did Zhang Tie recover his composure.

Zhang Tie was stunned by his strike as he was thinking about the reason.

The turbulence and downward suction brought by the wreck of the huge flagship seemingly wanted to drag Zhang Tie to the depth of the ocean; however, Zhang Tie could completely ignore such a trivial suction. Zhang Tie moved his eyes and threw the final glance at the wreck. After swearing, he accelerated upwards and shot out of the water; he didn't stop until he arrived at 1,000 m high above the sea.

At the sight of the messy scene over the waters, Zhang Tie's heart pounded once again as he muttered, 'Damn, that's too exaggerated!'

Zhang Tie scratched his head unconsciously. Not until his metal glove touched the metal helmet of his Chaos did he realize that he was still in Chaos.

Given the current messy situation, the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire couldn't even match a drowning dog. Zhang Tie even doubted that these survivors could arrive at Ewentra Archipelago waters by the rest ships. If these people really dared come to Ewentra Archipelago in such a poor look, they were definitely treating themselves as refugees.

Facing such a situation, Zhang Tie didn't feel like attacking them once again. If Zhang Tie wanted to launch the second round of strike, he could kill all of them. However, it was not Zhang Tie's style to kill these little fish and shrimps who couldn't threaten the Sacred Iceland Kingdom at all; otherwise, it was not a war, but a meaningless brutal slaughter.

If they were demons, Zhang Tie would wipe them out without any hesitation; however, Zhang Tie was still soft-hearted about humans. Even though the management and chief pastors of Sacred Light Empire were b*stards, it didn't mean that all the people in this country deserved to die...

After throwing the final glance at the scene below, Zhang Tie triggered his flight ability as a divine dominator. With a sonic boom, Zhang Tie immediately broke the sound speed and flew far away...

On the remaining ships and the sea, more than one official and pastor of Sacred Light Empire was watching Zhang Tie flashing away in the sky with pale and scared looks. Their ambition about convincing the Sacred Iceland Kingdom was shattered in a split second like soap bubbles in the sunshine being blown onto the twigs...

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Zhang Tie just maintained 3 times the speed of sound.

After killing 7 knights of Sacred Light Empire and completely destroying the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire, Zhang Tie didn't feel the pleasure of triumph. To be honest, Zhang Tie

was still muddle-headed and felt like having a dream until now.

This result was out of his imagination!

In Zhang Tie's plan, the 2 throne pastors were his next two target customers for "purgatory samsara". After absorbing the water chakras of the two throne pastors, Zhang Tie might promote to the 5th earth realm.

However, the two earth knights just turned into blood foams in front of Zhang Tie. It was like a pile of water elements running away themselves. Zhang Tie felt so pitiful and wasteful. 'What a shame!'

All the other 5 chief pastors were also killed in a split second without even leaving a f*rt. Under Zhang Tie's blow, all the 7 major pastors who were having breakfast and pretending to be something in the dining room were killed at once. Therefore, Zhang Tie's illusion of catching some major pastors and teleporting them into Castle of Black Iron so as to have Heller brainwash them fall through once again.

According to Zhang Tie's plan, even if he had to kill some knights, he could at least keep half of them alive and had Heller brainwash them so as to live up to his performance.

But now, nothing was left.

Of course, Zhang Tie was not happy about this result.

When he recalled why those major pastors were "lost", Zhang Tie realized the terrifying power of his hammer; therefore, Zhang Tie became excited once again unconsciously. That blow was still leading up to meaningful afterthoughts until now. He felt that he was favored by the God. 2 earth knights and 5 black iron knights were wiped out in a split second. Zhang Tie was also fascinated by the powerful feeling. He felt that he had done something great unconsciously as if he had pushed over a wall and entered an unprecedented realm.

'How could my blow be that powerful?' Zhang Tie was confused.

Being in the disappointed, excited, fascinated and confused state, Zhang Tie flew over 900 miles away from the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire in less than half an hour.

An isle with a towering mountain peak in the center covering dozens of square miles entered Zhang Tie's vision.

'No, I have to figure it out. How could my hammer be that powerful?' Zhang Tie was increasingly doubtful about that.

Previously, Zhang Tie planned to fly towards the Sacred Iceland Kingdom after wiping out the expeditionary fleet of Sacred Light Empire; however, he was not anxious about that. If not figure out this question, Zhang Tie wouldn't feel like eating and sleeping.

Watching the isle at his foot, Zhang Tie teleported his grim Chaos into Castle of Black Iron and revealed his original look. After that, he directly landed on the mountain peak in the center of that isle.

There was nobody in this isle. It was a cliff beneath the highest point of the mountain peak. Beneath the cliff, there were nestles of a huge flock of sea-mews. A forest was beneath the mountain peak, which extended all the way to the beach 4-5 miles away. Sea waves were beating the beach. An area of pitch dark reefs extended several miles away in the ocean from the beach...

This was an unpopulated isle. Grains couldn't be planted in a large area in the isle. Even a big warship couldn't berth here. Being alone in the ocean, it could only be a landmark on the ocean. Nobody else would come here except for Zhang Tie.

Zhang Tie sat down with crossed legs on a clean, huge rock on the top of the mountain peak. After breathing the fresh air, listening to the cheery twitters and watching the white lines when sea waves lashed the beach and reefs constantly for a short while, Zhang Tie's consciousness gradually turned vacant while his distracting thoughts gradually faded away...

Chapter 1232: The Secret of the Terrifying Kinetic Energy

'Is that unknown powerful attribute carried by this silver secret item?'

'No!'

'Were all the 7 knights of Sacred Light Empire counterfeits?'

'No!'

'Was the 20-ton flagship of Sacred Light Empire made of paper?'

'No!'

'Was it a fortune and coincidence?'

'Of course not!'

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All the amazing, unimaginable events or problems went back to briefness.

In many occasions, briefness was everlasting, truth and the final orientation of the problem.

After listening to the cries of sea-mews for half an hour on the top of the mountain peak, Zhang Tie opened his eyes. His eyes didn't contain any perplexed eye light anymore; instead, they were giving out bizarre light. Behind the bizarre light was the gate leading to another world.

After removing all the impossible reasons, Zhang Tie had already got the answer to that question.

The terrifying power of Thor's Hammer was only determined by his fast speed and the weight of Thor's Hammer.

It was not a sophisticated question; however, Zhang Tie had not imagined that the answer could be so simple. The teacher of

mechanics class in No. 7 male middle school had already instructed him of the reason.

The answer to this question was simple. Even a junior middle school student knew the formula, half of an object's mass multiplied by two times that of its moving speed led to the kinetic energy of this object!

'Kinetic energy! Yes, it's kinetic energy! The unit of kinetic energy is $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$! This is a simple physics commonplace that was accepted by humans before the Catastrophe.'

'Thank God, after this Catastrophe, many things have changed; however, this simple kinetic energy formula remained unchanged. It's still a part of the general laws of this world.'

Because this formula was simple, it was ignored. Even Zhang Tie had not imagined the relationship between this simple knowledge and his terrifying blow.

'Before I launched my strike, my flight speed was 3487 m/s, which was a bit greater than that of 10 times the speed of sound.' This was the speed sensed by Zhang Tie's knight's consciousness.

'The Thor's Hammer weighs 6.8 tons, namely 6,800 kg; my Chaos weighs 600 kg; along with my own body, it totally weighs 7,486 kg. Half of 7,486 is 3,743; two times my moving speed is 12,159,169. Therefore, my kinetic energy at that moment was 45,511,769,567 Joules.

'What's the meaning of 45,511,769,567 Joules?'

'According to my mechanics' teacher, if a crossbow's kinetic energy was greater than 100 Joules, it couldn't be displayed or carried in some places as it would kill people. This is also the regulation that Andaman Federation used to judge whether a crossbow could be used as a weapon or not. Many countries across Waii Subcontinent have the same regulation. The lowest standard for the kinetic energy of crossbow weapon is 100 Joules. Some

countries might even take 90 Joules or 110 Joules as the lowest standard for the kinetic energy of crossbow weapons. No matter what, no country would take crossbow weapons whose kinetic energy was 200 Joules as toys.

'The kinetic energy of a light crossbow, such as that excellent "Irongate T21" that Fattie Barley carried to attend the survival training is about 800 Joules. The kinetic energy of a medium-sized crossbow could reach about 2,000 Joule. The so-called heavy crossbow's kinetic energy could reach at least 4,000 Joule. Some single pawn heavy crossbows' kinetic energy could reach 10,000 Joules. City-defense steam ballista's kinetic energy could reach over 50,000 Joule. The kinetic energy of more powerful steam centrifugal ballista could reach at least 2 million Joule.'

'What about the kinetic energy of my blow?'

'Over 45 billion Joules. This explained why my strike could be so powerful.'

'The shocking effect was caused by three reasons; first, also the most important reason lay in my terrifying kinetic energy; second, the shattering and lightning damage effects attached by the Thor's Hammer; third, my strength and the power of battle qi. Only with the three strengths could I shatter the 7 knights of Sacred Light Empire and cause such a terrifying destructive effect.'

Zhang Tie thought it through at once as he stood up with a bit excited look. A wholly new world was then pushed open by Zhang Tie silently.

After standing up, Zhang Tie threw another glance at the current scenery.

The mountain and the sea were as same as that he saw half an hour ago. A flock of pure white sea mews was hovering under the cliff. The sun had just risen up for a short while.

Nothing in front of his eyes changed; however, they were already

different in Zhang Tie's mind. From the perspective of kinetic energy, the mountain's kinetic energy was zero, the sea mew's kinetic energy was greater than that of the mountain; the kinetic energy of the sea wave was greater. The sun above his head had the greatest kinetic energy. The trace of the sun was like a brilliant avenue that hung over the sky...From a certain perspective, this was a world composed of kinetic energies.

Zhang Tie immediately entered Castle of Black Iron and appeared in the palace tree of Castle of Black Iron.

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"Castle Lord..." Edward hurriedly bowed towards Zhang Tie when he saw Zhang Tie in the lobby of the palace tree.

"Leave me alone. I'm thinking about something!"

Zhang Tie soon came to the palace under the small tree. Without even throwing a glance at the fruits on the small tree, he had sat down with crossed legs. At the same time, he closed his eyes and triggered the trouble-reappearance situation of Xuanyuan Hill. Closely after that, he entered his own Xuanyuan Hill once again.

Edward scratched his head as he didn't know why Zhang Tie was so anxious. The moment he walked out of the lobby of the palace tree, he had seen Heller going downstairs.

"Is Castle Lord back?"

"Yes, Castle Lord said that he wanted to stay alone!" Edward said respectfully.

Heller waved his hand as he replied, "Fine, I see, mind your own business!"

Edward then left. Heller came to the lobby of the palace tree casually. Standing far away, he watched Zhang Tie who was completely in the trouble-reappearance situation under the small tree.

Heller seemingly let out a long sigh before muttering, "Woah, Castle Lord, you finally reached this step. If you still didn't understand which step you reached until today, I even want to remind you directly. It seems that those jerk pastors of Sacred Light Empire are still useful. After grasping the secret of the power of kinetic energy, Castle Lord should have been clear about your strengths and cultivation orientation. Only such a future is promising!"

After muttering for a short while, Heller revealed a smile. After throwing another glance at those fruits over the small tree, he left the lobby of the palace tree. Heller knew that Zhang Tie might not exit the trouble-reappearance situation in a short period; otherwise, Zhang Tie would not enter trouble-reappearance situation right after returning to Castle of Black Iron.

Of course, Heller could guess what Zhang Tie wanted to do.

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Zhang Tie still appeared in the manor of Lord Guangnan in Xuanyuan Hill. Like usual, the LV 9 demon fighter's limbs were broken and thrown away by Zhang Tie once again. Closely after that, Zhang Tie grabbed the metal candlestick and flew towards a conspicuous building in the distance.

In less than 10 seconds, Zhang Tie had come to the gate of that conspicuous building along with the loud sonic booms. After dropping off the metal candlestick, he entered the 50-m higher gate.

That building was the Library of Xuanyuan Hill. This library was the largest database of humans as of now, which contained hundreds of millions of materials and books. This library collected many materials before the Catastrophe. Last year, Bai Suxian showed him around here. In the underground of this library, there was the largest difference engine array in this age.

When he came here last year, this library was bustling. The

materials in this library were classified. Only people with the corresponding class could have the access to some materials. Some materials could only be inquired by the officials of Taixia Country. Even Bai Suxian couldn't read whatever she wanted here.

By contrast, Zhang Tie was the only person in the entire library. All the guards and staff in the library had disappeared. It completely became Zhang Tie's private place.

Last year, Zhang Tie and Bai Suxian were not qualified to enter the inquiry zones on Class 7 and above; this time, Zhang Tie directly came to the top of the library and entered the Class 9 inquiry zone.

Class 9 inquiry zone was independent. Each inquiry room was almost as large as a theater. There was no serviceman in the room. He could only see a set of terminal inquiry machine which was linked to the underground difference engine array and a huge black metal curtain which was higher than 10 m and wider than 20 m. On the black metal curtain, there were numerous dense and tidy round metal pushpin-shaped bulges.

Zhang Tie had heard about this advanced object. However, it was his first time to see it. The metal curtain was one of the most delicate and expensive machines in the world. It was a terminal metal pixel display being connected to the large difference engine. The signals output by difference engine could be reflected on this metal curtain through complex transcoding and translation. This product combined typography and the most advanced steam technologies...

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